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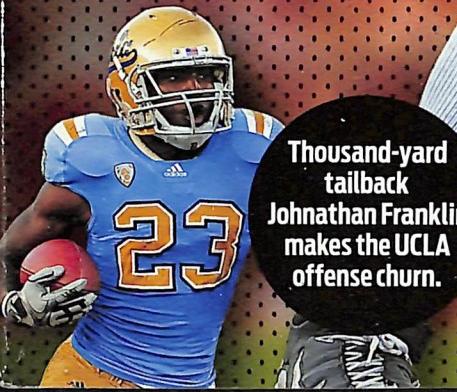
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Independent thinking

Just when you thought Mitt Romney's presidential aspirations might be waning in the wake of Donald Trump's sudden avalanche of publicity, this little nugget comes along to provide momentum for the former Massachusetts governor's campaign:

Brigham Young, Romney's alma mater and the flagship university of Mormons everywhere, has declared its independence in college athletics, leaving the Mountain West Conference and its paltry \$1.3 million-per-year TV deal with Versus, a sports network best known for its in-depth coverage of rodeo.

Yes, this faith-based institution owned and operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, is now free of its college football manacles, open to use its own television network, BYU-TV, to air its games nationally (hello, *Notre Dame Football on NBC*), structure a cable deal with ESPN for another portion of games and set up a bowl arrangement all its own (Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, get ready to sell tickets to missionaries everywhere).

Coach Bronco Mendenhall's Cougars can also trade in lame Mountain West dates with UNLV and Wyoming for games at Ole Miss and Texas, where they open the 2011 season.

This independence thing isn't so bad after all, is it? It has worked out pretty well for another "national" university with kind of a "religious" following. I don't think the Fighting Irish are complaining too much about their games on NBC and ESPN or their numerous bowl tie-ins that guarantee a postseason for their fans when the regular season has been nothing more than mediocre.

Might this move get other programs to thinking that a conference at any cost—and sharing all that bowl money with a double-digit number of schools—may not be worth the all the trouble? Maybe going it on your own, especially if you have a national fan base, is the best (and more lucrative) way.

Heck, religion doesn't even have to be part of the equation. Do you think Texas and USC football may be able to find a way to benefit from such an arrangement? The Longhorns, of course, already have their own network courtesy of a deal with ESPN, so they're halfway there. And with a Big 12 that feels smaller by the day (whither Nebraska, whither Colorado), that prospect is not so farfetched.

When I was just a tike, I remember that there was great honor in going it alone on the college gridiron. The roar of the Nittany Lions at Penn State was louder when JoePa's team played as an independent. Membership in the Big Ten has muted the national impact of the boys from State College. Penn State still produces great players, but does anyone believe the aura of the program now is the same as it was in the 1970s and 1980s when Franco Harris, John Cappelletti, Jack Ham and Todd Blackledge made national headlines?

Does anyone really think that Florida State, Miami and Pittsburgh's moves to conference affiliation resulted in better results on the field? When I think of those programs, I think of them pre-ACC and pre-Big East. I envision Deion Sanders, Jim Kelly and Tony Dorsett, not Christian Ponder.

So, BYU may be on to something here. It will be interesting to see if the trail that was once well traveled becomes a bit more worn again.

SCOTT SMITH
Editor



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| Graham Harrell, Texas Tech | 15,793 |
| Ty Detmer, BYU | 15,031 |
| Colt Brennan, Hawaii | 14,193 |
| CASE KEENUM, Houston | 13,586 |
| Philip Rivers, N.C. State | 13,484 |
| Colt McCoy, Texas | 13,253 |
| Kevin Kolb, Houston | 12,964 |
| Dan LeFevour, Central Michigan | 12,905 |
| Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech | 12,746 |
| Luke McCown, Louisiana Tech | 12,666 |
| Chris Redman, Louisville | 12,541 |
| Chase Daniel, Missouri | 12,515 |
| Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP | 12,439 |
| Kliff Kingsbury, Texas Tech | 12,429 |
| Byron Leftwich, Marshall | 11,903 |
| Chase Holbrook, New Mexico State | 11,846 |
| Brady Quinn, Notre Dame | 11,762 |
| David Greene, Georgia | 11,528 |
| Gino Guidugli, Cincinnati | 11,453 |
| Todd Santos, San Diego State | 11,425 |
| Carson Palmer, USC | 11,388 |
| Max Hall, BYU | 11,365 |
| Tim Hiller, Western Michigan | 11,329 |
| Tim Lester, Western Michigan | 11,299 |
| Derek Anderson, Oregon State | 11,249 |

KNOCKING ON THE DOOR (active career leaders)

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| KELLEN MOORE, Boise State | 10,867 |
| RYAN LINDLEY, San Diego State | 9,537 |
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| Ricky Williams, Texas | 6,279 |
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| DeAngelo Williams, Memphis | 6,026 |
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| George Rogers, South Carolina | 4,958 |
| Trevor Cobb, Rice | 4,948 |
| Michael Turner, Northern Illinois | 4,941 |
| Ray Rice, Rutgers | 4,926 |
| Paul Palmer, Temple | 4,895 |
| Steve Bartalo, Colorado State | 4,813 |
| Ken Simonton, Oregon State | 4,802 |
| Mike Rozier, Nebraska | 4,780 |

KNOCKING ON THE DOOR (active career leaders)

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|-------------------------------|-------|
| MONTEL HARRIS, Boston College | 3,600 |
| LaMICHAEL JAMES, Oregon | 3,277 |
| LANCE DUNBAR, North Texas | 3,109 |

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| Trevor Insley, Nevada | 5,005 |
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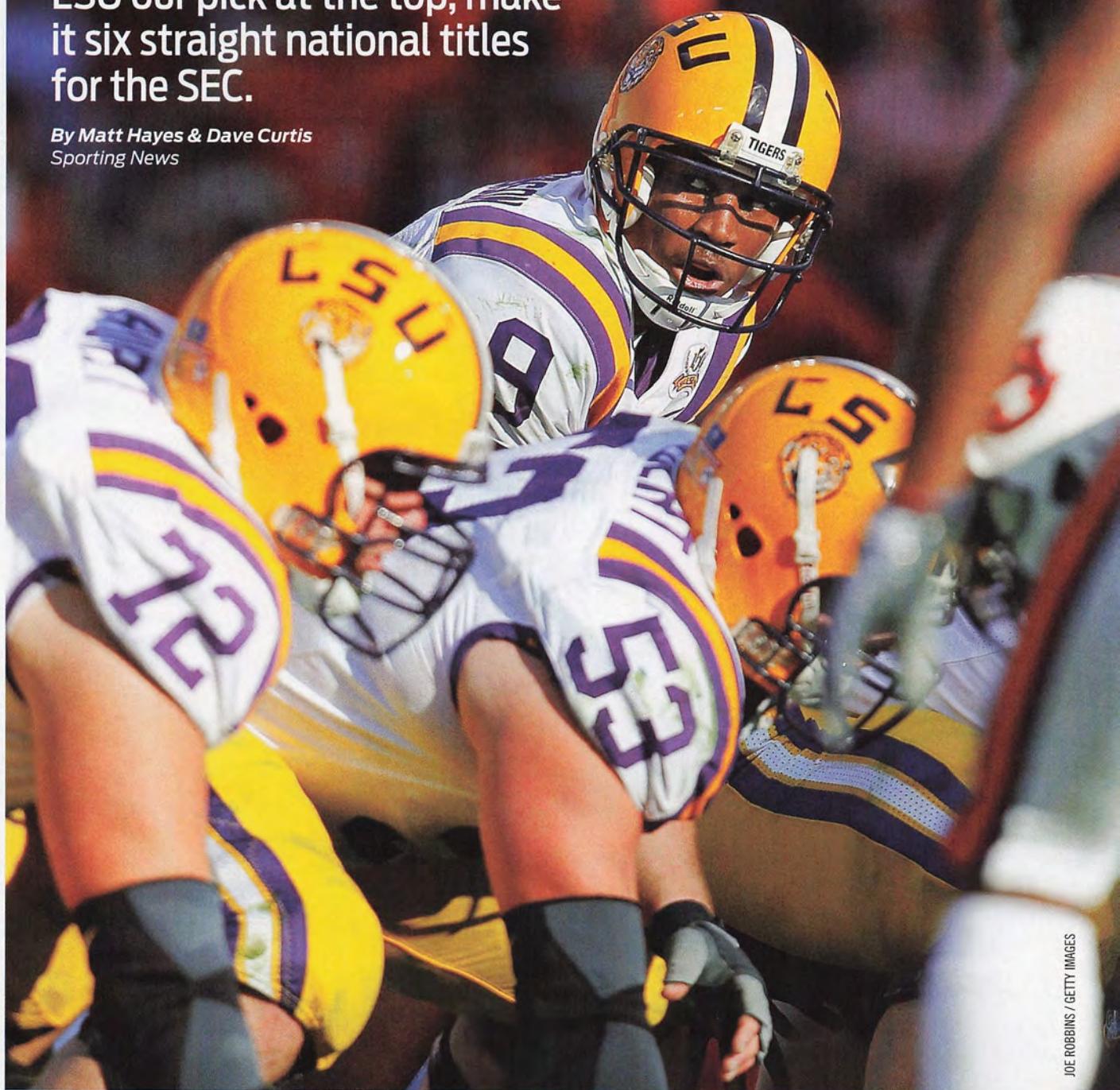
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MORRIS CLAIBORNE



1

LSU

The schedule is brutal (Oregon, West Virginia, the SEC), but no team is more complete on both sides of the ball. After three years of inconsistency, look for QB Jordan Jefferson to figure it out and make it six straight national championships for the SEC.



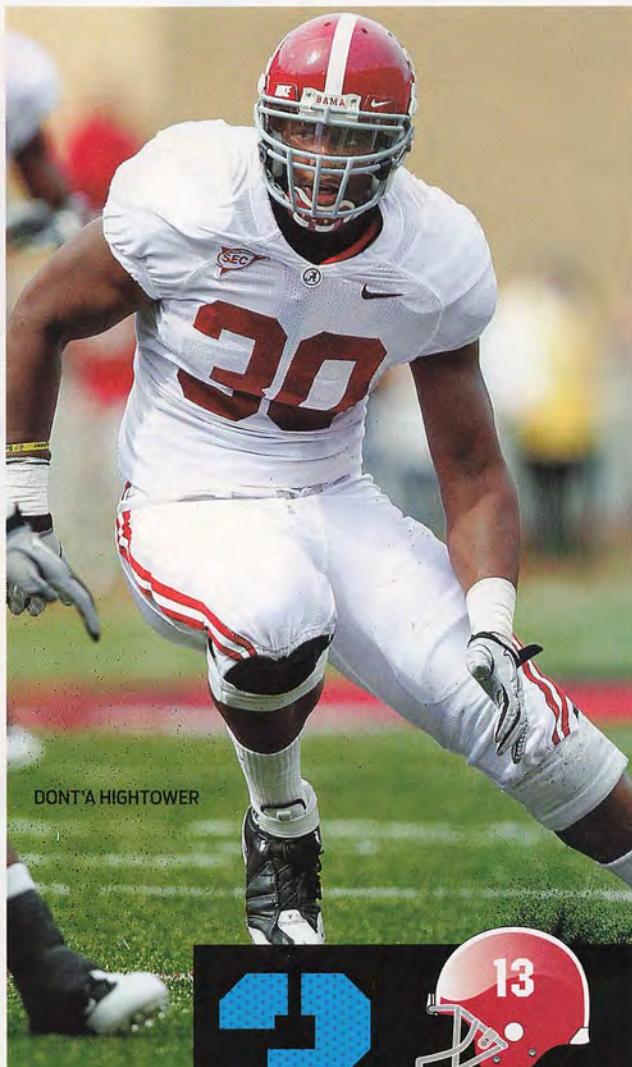
RYAN BROYLES

2



OKLAHOMA

The Sooners are loaded at the skill positions and the interior lines are deep and experienced. Oklahoma has numerous potential All-Americans, and heralded freshman tailback Brandon Williams will make it all come together.



DONT'A HIGHTOWER

3



ALABAMA

Rarely has uncertainty at the most important position on the field—who plays QB: Phillip Sims or A.J. McCarron, or both—meant so little. All the Tide needs is either (or both) to refrain from turnovers. The defense is that good.

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**STANFORD**

The Cardinal will be more efficient on offense and more physical on defense. The return of QB Andrew Luck turned up the focus and dedication in the offseason. Watch it play out this fall.

DELANO HOWELL

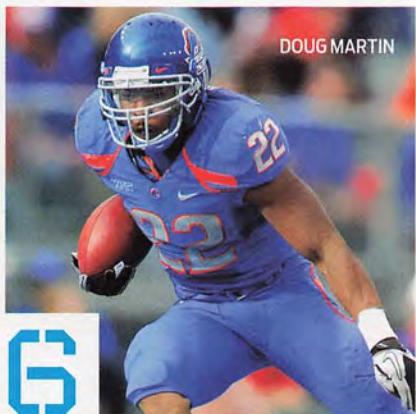


CLIFF HARRIS

**OREGON**

The Ducks still have an overload of power with their Blur Ball offense and the game's most dangerous player in cornerback/return man Cliff Harris. But playing as the favorite—with a revamped defense—means the days of blowouts are over.

DOUG MARTIN



BOISE STATE The move to the Mountain West Conference isn't going to stop this train. There is one similarity with the WAC: Winning the MWC still doesn't translate into BCS respect.

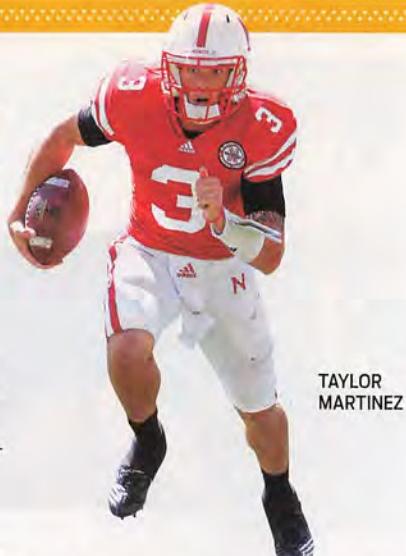
7 FLORIDA STATE Another season of hype for Florida State, this time relying on an unproven quarterback (E.J. Manuel) and an influx of talent from the nation's top recruiting class. This fall could set up a BCS title run in 2011.

8 OHIO STATE Surviving five games without five key players (and coach Jim Tressel) won't be easy, but the five games aren't that imposing—and no one in the Big Ten has as much talent.

9 **TEXAS A&M** Few teams were playing better than the Aggies in the last month of 2010. Forget the ugly loss to LSU in the Cotton Bowl; this is essentially the same team that rolled Oklahoma.

10 NEBRASKA

If the defensively stout Huskers can eliminate drama on offense—and keep electric QB Taylor Martinez healthy—this season could be much more than playing in the first-ever Big Ten Championship Game.



TAYLOR MARTINEZ

11 ARKANSAS No one in the nation has a better set of receivers, and tailback Knile Davis is the most underrated player in the country. Can the defense—and new QB Tyler Wilson—lift this team beyond potential and to the top of the SEC?

12 OKLAHOMA STATE The Cowboys' staff is figuring out the underlying rule of recruiting: It's much harder to recruit game-changers on defense ... than finding hidden gems on offense and developing them into All-Americans.

13 VIRGINIA TECH The Hokies have been talking about physically gifted (and freakish) QB Logan Thomas for two years now. Tech's defense is good enough to pick up the slack until Thomas finds his groove.

14 PENN STATE How many times have we heard this under Joe Paterno: Outside of the quarterback position, his team is primed for big things. Matt McGloin isn't scaring anyone in big games, and talented Rob Bolden may still not be ready.

15 MISSISSIPPI STATE Chris Relf isn't the prettiest quarterback to watch, and Mississippi State isn't the prettiest team. But a physical, active philosophy on both sides of the ball has the Bulldogs dealing with rare preseason hype.

16 NORTHWESTERN It's no coincidence the Wildcats faltered down the stretch in 2010 after they lost QB Dan Persa (Achilles). Persa is one of the best, and his healthy return will go a long way in deciding the Legends Division.

17 MICHIGAN STATE Who knows what the Spartans are? A program on the verge—or a team blown out

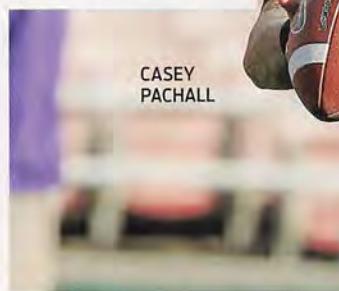
in its two biggest games of 2010? We'll know in their Big Ten opener at depleted Ohio State.

18 NOTRE DAME The Irish are back in the Top 25—and competing for a BCS bowl—because the defense got better. And also because no one manages quarterbacks (and deals with adversity at the position) better than coach Brian Kelly.

19 SOUTH CAROLINA Steve Spurrier says his offense revolves around star tailback Marcus Lattimore. Don't believe it. At some point, his quarterback (whoever it is) will be put in position to have to win a game on his own.

20 TCU

Don't underestimate the loss of QB Andy Dalton—or how hard it will be for heir apparent Casey Pachall to play smart and instinctively (and nearly error-free) like Dalton. Every other area is set for the Horned Frogs.



CASEY PACHALL

21 AUBURN The Tigers better ride offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn for as long as possible. While he's around—no matter the quarterback—Auburn can win any game.

22 UTAH Their first year in the Pac-12, and already the Utes are South Division favorites. The transition to physical games on a weekly basis (unlike life in the Mountain West) will be the biggest obstacle for a team used to winning big.

23 WEST VIRGINIA A boom-or-bust situation. If the egos of coach Bill Stewart and coach-in-waiting Dana Holgorsen fit in the same building, the Mountaineers could have a huge season with Holgorsen developing talented QB Geno Smith.

24 ARIZONA STATE The Sun Devils were much better than last year's six-win season, and the emergence of QB Brock Osweiler late in the campaign set up a dangerous offense for this fall. It also helps having the Pac-12's best defense.

25 WISCONSIN Let's see ... an experienced offensive line and gifted tailbacks. Yep, get ready for more "Crawl Ball"—but also another big season.



HEISMAN WATCH

► THE LEADERS

ANDREW LUCK

QB, Stanford

Last year's runner-up has a new coach (David Shaw) and the same old problems of players from years past who return after finishing as a finalist: expectations. No matter what Luck accomplishes, he'll be judged against his 2010 season.

KELLEN MOORE

QB, Boise State

He's in line to set numerous NCAA records, including the most glamorous: career touchdown passes and career victories as a starter. Playing in a non-BCS league doesn't help—but those career numbers negate that issue as long as he has another big season.

LAMICHAEL JAMES

RB, Oregon

There's so much to like about the 5-9 sparkplug: his speed and dynamic ability, his surprising strength and his nose for the goal line. Bonus: Oregon is no longer a novelty.

At this point with the Heisman, nothing should be surprising, as recent winners have included a junior college transfer and a string of three straight sophomores. The only curveball left in what has annually become a wildly unpredictable race is a freshman winning the most coveted individual award in sports. We're not there yet—but it should be just as intriguing this fall.



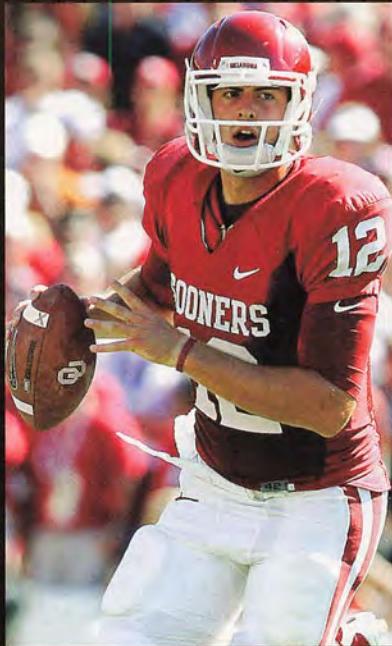
(L TO R) STEVE DYKES; EZRA SHAW; TOM HAUCK/GTY IMAGES

THE FOLLOWERS

LANDRY JONES

QB, Oklahoma

Few realize Jones had 38 touchdown passes in 2010. If OU is unbeaten and playing in the BCS National Championship Game (not a reach), he could be the Sooners' third Heisman winner since 2003.



MARCUS LATTIMORE

RB, South Carolina

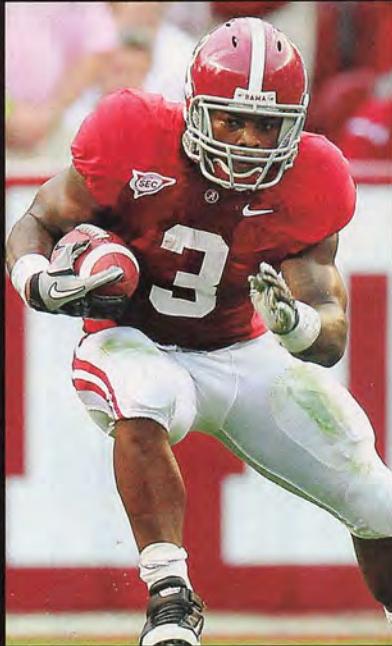
Lattimore beefed up this offseason expecting to carry a heavier load for the offense. He moves the pile and makes defenders miss, and is the critical component of Steve Spurrier's offense—a nice Heisman combination.



TRENT RICHARDSON

RB, Alabama

This can go two ways: Richardson breaks out with Mark Ingram no longer around to share carries—or we really see what the 2009 Heisman winner meant to Richardson and Alabama.



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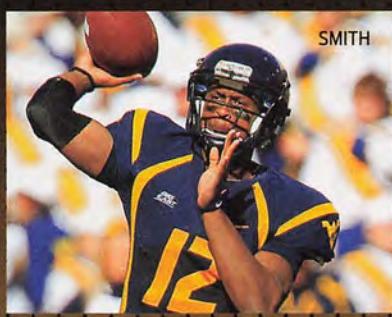
HARRIS

THE SLEEPERS

CLIFF HARRIS

CB/PR, Oregon

The game's most dynamic player, he's a highlight waiting to happen as a defender and punt returner.



SMITH

CYRUS GRAY

RB, Texas A&M

The fastest tailback in the nation. Can he take the weekly pounding?



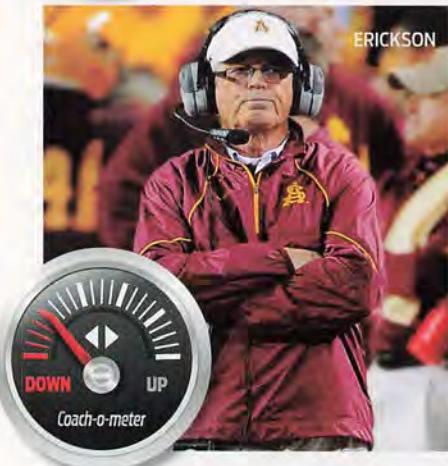
GRAY

GENO SMITH

QB, West Virginia

New offensive coordinator/coach-in-waiting Dana Holgorsen has made stars of quarterbacks in his last two stops (Houston's Case Keenum, Oklahoma State's Brandon Weeden). Smith is more talented than either.

COACHING METER



7 GAMES

that will shape the race for the BCS national championship game

LSU vs. Oregon

(at Arlington, Texas, Sept. 3) ▶ The season opener in Dallas Cowboys Stadium will have the feel of a BCS bowl—and likely include two top-five (maybe top-three) teams. Oregon coach/offensive whiz Chip Kelly gets another shot at an SEC defense—only this one is more talented and balanced than his offense faced in last year's national title game.

Georgia vs. Boise State

(at Atlanta, Sept. 3) ▶ For the second consecutive year, Boise State gets a marquee game against a BCS heavyweight to prove its poll worthiness. Georgia isn't the same Georgia team from years past, but the Georgia Dome affair is still a glorified road game for the Broncos (like last year in

ON THE WAY UP

DAN MULLEN, Mississippi State: What he has accomplished at Mississippi State is remarkable. Starkville is the SEC outpost for recruiting potential, and Mullen continues to lure elite prospects—and develop them. Soon enough, he'll outgrow Mississippi State.

KEVIN SUMLIN, Houston: Forget about last year's injury-ravaged aberration of a season. He knows the spread passing game as well as anyone, and his charismatic, engaging personality attracts recruits.

LARRY FEDORA, Southern Miss: Know this: If Florida hadn't hired Will Muschamp, Fedora would've been high on athletic director Jeremy Foley's list. A rare combination in the coaching profession: tireless and genuine.

MARK HELFRICH, Oregon offensive coordinator: Oregon's Blur Ball, uptempo offense is all the rage. Helfrich knows it all from working under coach Chip Kelly—and doesn't get nearly enough credit for his contributions.

ON THE WAY DOWN

DENNIS ERICKSON, Arizona State: A make-or-break season. The Sun Devils have the talent to win the Pac-12, and anything less than a South Division title probably means the end of Erickson in Tempe.

DABO SWINNEY, Clemson: A huge recruiting haul only heightened expectations for a coach who must follow overachieving (2009) and underachieving (2010) seasons with something more stable—and significant.

RICK NEUHEISEL, UCLA: Injuries and bad luck have doomed Neuheisel's return to his alma mater.

None of that matters in a brutal profession; all that does is this: USC is staring at damaging probation and UCLA must take advantage of it. So far, Neuheisel and his staff haven't.

BUTCH JONES, Cincinnati: It has been just one year, but Jones walked into a situation set up by former coach Brian Kelly and the results were disastrous. The Bearcats were one of the biggest disappointments of 2010. Jones is not in danger after this season, but without marked improvement, 2012 will be critical.

ON THE WAY OUT

MIKE LOCKSLEY, New Mexico: Should've been fired in Year 1 after striking an assistant coach. Should've been fired after Year 2 for fielding yet another historically bad team by New Mexico standards. Needs a miracle to not be fired after Year 3.

STEVE FAIRCHILD, Colorado State: Back-to-back awful seasons leave Fairchild with little wiggle room. The program isn't that far removed

from championship years under Sonny Lubick, and Fairchild is being held to those standards.

PAUL WULFF, Washington State: He was handed a bad situation on and off the field, and hasn't done much to improve it. The Cougars were more competitive last year, but that means little for a program slipping further and further from relevance in the new Pac-12.

Washington, D.C., against Virginia Tech), plus a chance to show some moxie and mettle.



Oklahoma at Florida State

(Sept. 17) ▶ The Sooners embarrassed FSU last year in Norman, and the 'Noles get an early chance to show how far they've come under coach Jimbo Fisher. A win here against a legitimate national championship contender lifts FSU back into the nation's elite.



Ohio State at Nebraska

(Oct. 8) ▶ The first game back for the "Ohio State 5"—the five key players (including QB Terrelle Pryor) suspended for selling memorabilia. It's also a chance for Nebraska, which should be unbeaten entering the showdown, to make a statement in a moment full of hype.



LSU at Alabama

(Nov. 5) ▶ The game of the year in the SEC, and that usually means the game of the year (not including the bowls) in college football.

Whoever stars at quarterback for the Tide—A.J. McCarron or Phillip Sims—will have nearly two months of preparation (and game experience) for this one, and a wicked Tide defense to clean up any mistakes.



Texas A&M at Oklahoma

(Nov. 5) ▶ If OU wins in Tallahassee, this could be the last obstacle in winning the Big 12 and securing a spot in the BCS national championship game. The Aggies won big last season in College Station, and this will be another chance for Sooners quarterback Landry Jones to prove himself in a big game.



Oregon at Stanford

(Nov. 12) ▶ A revenge game for Stanford, whose only loss last season was at Oregon. The Ducks could already be playing with a loss* (LSU)—or in the process of strengthening a national championship run.

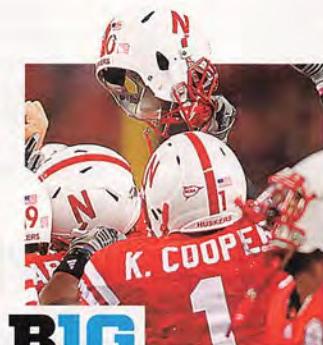


2 ▶ BIG TEN

Don't underestimate the addition of Nebraska, or the new league championship game. When teams realize they can play for an outright conference championship—and that three titles are up for grabs (league, two divisions)—competition significantly increases. The championship game that made the SEC stronger in the 1990s will do the same for the Big Ten.

3 ▶ PAC-12

The addition of Utah makes the league stronger in the middle, but the development of Oregon and Stanford—and resurgence this fall of Arizona State—pushes the Pac-12 one step closer to the SEC in its first reconfigured season. The league desperately needs UCLA to return to the elite.



RANKING THE CONFERENCES

We begin, like we do every season, with the SEC. The king of conferences won't slip this fall, but the newly revamped Big Ten and Pac-12 are closing in.

5 SEC

How good is this league? LSU—with nonconference games against Oregon and West Virginia and another typically brutal league schedule—is *Sporting News'* preseason No. 1. If that's not enough, there are three other league teams (Alabama, Arkansas, South Carolina) with enough to win the SEC. And, as we've seen the last five years, winning the SEC means winning the national championship.

4 ▶ BIG 12

The league stayed together, but lost a critical member in surging (and historically strong) Nebraska. The reality is that it's now basically Oklahoma and a whole lot of questions. Texas will be back (maybe not this year), and Texas A&M looks like it could right itself. But after that, does anyone really scare you?

5 ▶ ACC

The lack of a dominant team has hurt the ACC's image. Virginia Tech has been strong, but hasn't had a statement nonconference victory in years. Nor has Florida State or Miami. The 'Noles (vs. Oklahoma) and 'Canes (vs. Ohio State) get a chance this fall—and could pull the stagnant league back to the elite of the BCS.

6 ▶ BIG EAST

Four coaches—Louisville's Charlie Strong, Pitt's Todd Graham, South Florida's Skip Holtz and West Virginia "coach-in-waiting" Dana Holgorsen—bring hope to programs with big potential. When TCU enters the league in 2012, the Big East could move past the ACC.

7 ▶ MOUNTAIN WEST

A year of transition will hurt the MWC initially. Boise State's first season and TCU's final year will offset the losses of BYU and Utah. The full

impact of change, though, won't be felt until Fresno State and Nevada join in 2012.

8 ▶ CONFERENCE USA

Conference realignment isn't complete, and C-USA could eventually lose one or two of its marquee programs (Houston and/or UCF) to the Big East, and its best young coaches (Houston's Kevin Sumlin and Larry Fedora of Southern Miss) to BCS schools.

9 ▶ MID-AMERICAN

The MAC hasn't been able to recreate its magic of the mid-2000s, when the conference made a move to the top of the non-BCS leagues. Quarterback play isn't what it once was, and the defense is awful.

10 ▶ WAC

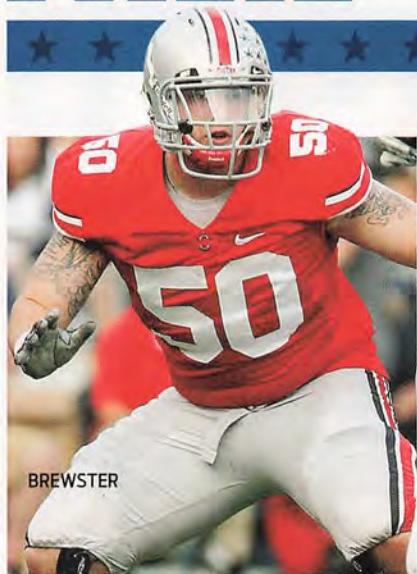
Once the WAC lost Boise State, the days of fending off falling all the way to No. 11 in the conference pecking order began to peel away. When Fresno State and Nevada leave in 2012, there will be no worse league.

11 ▶ SUN BELT

Florida International and Florida Atlantic haven't taken significant leaps as expected. The two south Florida schools still don't get enough second-tier Sunshine State recruits to have magical seasons—or even a big BCS upset. Until then, it's all Troy all the time.

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ALL-AMERICA TEAM



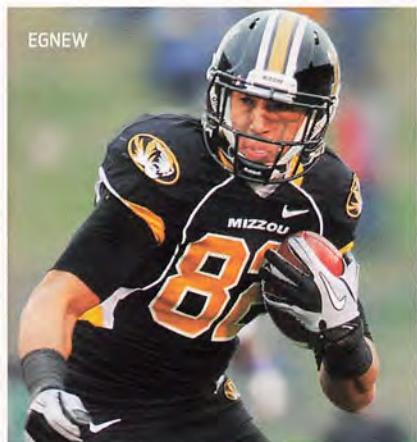
★ FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

- QB Andrew Luck, Jr., Stanford
- RB LaMichael James, Jr., Oregon
- RB Marcus Lattimore, So., South Carolina
- WR Ryan Broyles, Sr., Oklahoma
- WR Justin Blackmon, Jr., Oklahoma State
- TE Orson Charles, Jr., Georgia
- OL Mike Brewster, Sr., Ohio State
- OL David DeCastro, Sr., Stanford
- OL Matt Reynolds, Sr., BYU
- OL Barrett Jones, Jr., Alabama
- OL Nate Potter, Sr., Boise State
- K Blair Walsh, Sr., Georgia
- KR Eric Page, Jr., Toledo

DEFENSE

- DT Jared Crick, Sr., Nebraska
- DT Billy Winn, Sr., Boise State
- DE Brandon Jenkins, Jr., Florida State
- DE Quinton Coples, Sr., North Carolina
- LB Luke Kuechly, Jr., Boston College
- LB Vontaze Burfict, Jr., Arizona State
- LB Tank Carder, Sr., TCU
- CB Cliff Harris, Jr., Oregon
- CB Jayron Hosley, Jr., Virginia Tech
- S Mark Barron, Sr., Alabama
- S Kenny Tate, Sr., Maryland
- P Drew Butler, Sr., Georgia
- PR Greg Reid, Jr., Florida State



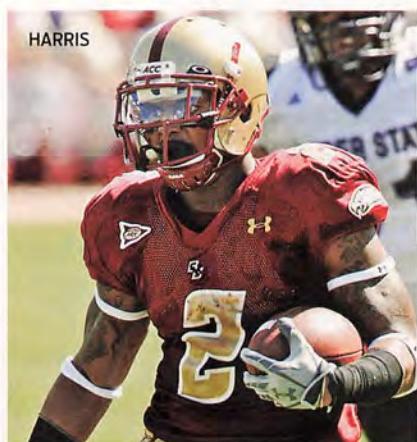
★ SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

- QB Kellen Moore, Sr., Boise State
- RB Trent Richardson, Jr., Alabama
- RB Cyrus Gray, Sr., Texas A&M
- WR Juron Criner, Sr., Arizona
- WR Alshon Jeffery, Jr., South Carolina
- TE Michael Egnew, Sr., Missouri
- OL Mike Adams, Sr., Ohio State
- OL Andrew Datko, Sr., Florida State
- OL Stephen Good, Sr., Oklahoma
- OL David Molk, Sr., Michigan
- OL Kelechi Osemele, Sr., Iowa State
- K Will Snyderwine, Sr., Duke
- KR Nick Williams, Jr., Connecticut

DEFENSE

- DE Vinny Curry, Sr., Marshall
- DT Tydreke Powell, Sr., North Carolina
- DT Kheeston Randall, Sr., Texas
- DE Bruce Irvin, Sr., West Virginia
- LB Lavonte David, Sr., Nebraska
- LB Sean Spence, Sr., Miami
- LB Corey Nelson, So., Oklahoma
- CB Alfonzo Dennard, Sr., Nebraska
- CB Morris Claiborne, Jr., LSU
- S Lance Mitchell, Sr., Oregon State
- S Delano Howell, Sr., Stanford
- P Tyler Campbell, Jr., Ole Miss
- PR Tony Logan, Sr., Maryland



★ THIRD TEAM

OFFENSE

- QB Landry Jones, Jr., Oklahoma
- RB Montel Harris, Sr., Boston College
- RB Knile Davis, Jr., Arkansas
- WR Jeff Fuller, Jr., Texas A&M
- WR Jermaine Kearse, Sr., Washington
- TE George Bryan, Sr., N.C. State
- OL Blake DeChristopher, Sr., Virginia Tech
- OL Brandon Washington, Jr., Miami
- OL Riley Reiff, Jr., Iowa
- OL Ryan Miller, Sr., Colorado
- OL Rokevious Watkins, Sr., South Carolina
- K Nate Freese, So., Boston College
- KR Quincy McDuffie, Jr., Central Florida

DEFENSE

- DE Brandon Lindsey, Sr., Pittsburgh
- DT Mike Martin, Sr., Michigan
- DT Travian Robertson, Sr., South Carolina
- DE Vince Browne, Sr., Northwestern
- LB Zach Brown, Sr., North Carolina
- LB Bruce Taylor, Jr., Virginia Tech
- LB Nigel Bradham, Sr., Florida State
- CB Stephon Gilmore, So., South Carolina
- CB Chase Minnifield, Sr., Virginia
- S Markelle Martin, Sr., Oklahoma State
- S Sean Cattouse, Sr., California
- P Quinn Sharp, Jr., Oklahoma State
- PR Joe Adams, Sr., Arkansas

New DESTINATIONS

compiled by Will Long and Rebecca Stukes

TRANSFERS

*all players eligible to play in 2011

| PLAYER | POSITION | OLDSCHOOL | NEWSCHOOL | PLAYER | POSITION | OLDSCHOOL | NEWSCHOOL |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Bryant Allen | WR | Minnesota | Illinois State | Malik James | CB | Cincinnati | Nevada |
| A.J. Alexander | WR/DB | Florida State | St. Francis (Pa.) | Greg Jenkins | QB | Troy | Alabama State |
| Dontae Aycock | RB | Auburn | USF | Javarie Johnson | LB | Maryland | New Mexico |
| Blake Ayles | TE | USC | Miami (Fla.) | Dex Jones | LB | Washington | Western Michigan |
| Korentheus Bailey | DE | Western Kentucky | Georgia Southern | Jarvis Jones | LB | USC | Georgia |
| Demetre Baker | RB | Georgia | South Alabama | Josh Jordan | TE | East Carolina | McNeese State |
| Tyler Bass | QB | Memphis | Florida A&M | Uona Kaveinga | LB | USC | BYU |
| Brendan Beal | LB | Florida | Minnesota | Kyle Kozak | DE | Indiana | Ohio |
| DeMario Bennett | WR | South Carolina | Coastal Carolina | Al-Ghaffar Lane | LB | Rutgers | Bethune-Cookman |
| Tucker Blanton | OL | Florida | Southern Illinois | Julian Lewis | DB | Abilene Christian | New Mexico |
| Josh Brisk | K | Duquesne | Florida International | Deon Long | WR | West Virginia | New Mexico |
| Arthur Brown | LB | Miami (Fla.) | Kansas State | Zach Maynard | QB | Buffalo | California |
| Bryce Brown | RB | Tennessee | Kansas State | Keith McBride | RB | Navy | William & Mary |
| Dan Buckner | WR | Texas | Arizona | Nate Montana | QB | Notre Dame | Montana |
| Chris Burns | RB | Pittsburgh | Massachusetts | Kellen Pagel | QB | Bowling Green | Massachusetts |
| Tanner Burns | DB | San Jose State | Kansas State | Nate Palmer | DE | Illinois | Illinois State |
| Ronald Byrd | DL | South Carolina | Mississippi Valley State | John Prior | OT | Florida State | Ohio |
| Ryan Campbell | DB | Ole Miss | Massachusetts | Quincy Quetant | S | Cincinnati | Bethune-Cookman |
| Ravonne Carter | DB | New Mexico | Florida A&M | Dontrayevous Robinson | RB | Nebraska | Montana State |
| Omar Castillo | OG | Texas Tech | New Mexico | B.J. Scott | WR | Alabama | South Alabama |
| Ernest Celestie | WR | Texas Tech | McNeese State | Cordale Scott | WR | Illinois | Toledo |
| Wells Childress | DE | Texas A&M | Columbia | Darrell Scott | RB | Colorado | USF |
| Terrell Combs | DE | Minnesota | Kentucky | Rodney Scott | RB | Ole Miss | Bethune-Cookman |
| Billy Cosh | QB | Kansas State | James Madison | Brandon Smith | LB | Michigan | Temple |
| Martez Eastland | FB | Ole Miss | Georgia Southern | Diamond Smith | DB | Western Michigan | South Alabama |
| Aaron Douglas | OT | Tennessee | Alabama | Jelani Smith | LB | Arkansas | Louisiana-Lafayette |
| Antoine Duplessis | FB/TE | Tulane | Southeastern Louisiana | Trey Smith | WR | Western Michigan | Jacksonville State |
| De'Ron Flood | TE | Purdue | Southern Illinois | Sean Stackhouse | TE | Kentucky | Chattanooga |
| Evan Frierson | LB | Illinois | Illinois State | Cooper Taylor | S | Georgia Tech | Richmond |
| David Gordon | DB | Arkansas | Oklahoma State | Emmanuel Taylor | QB | UAB | West Georgia |
| Tyler Harrell | DE | Iowa | Louisville | Lamaar Thomas | WR | Ohio State | New Mexico |
| Travis Hawkins | CB | Maryland | Delaware | Tyler Thomas | OL | Oregon State | Montana State |
| A.J. Hill | QB | Northern Illinois | Southern Illinois | Casey Turner | RB | Rutgers | Florida A&M |
| Jeremy Hill | WR | Ball State | Alabama A&M | Myles Wade | DT | Texas Tech | Portland State |
| Evan Huahulu | DT | SMU | Utah State | Kevan Walker | WR | Oregon State | Southern Illinois |
| David Isabelle | QB | UAB | Alabama A&M | Todd Washington | CB | Memphis | Southeastern Louisiana |
| Chris Jackson | RB/WR | Georgia Tech | Georgia State | Kambriel Williams | DE | Florida International | Florida A&M |
| Malik Jackson | DE | USC | Tennessee | Aaron Douglas | OT | Tennessee | Alabama |

COACHING CHANGES

| SCHOOL | FORMER COACH | NEW COACH |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Alcorn State | Earnest Collins | Melvin Spears |
| Arkansas State | Steve Roberts | Hugh Freeze |
| Ball State | Stan Parrish | Pete Lembo |
| Colorado | Dan Hawkins | Jon Embree |
| Connecticut | Randy Edsall | Paul Pasqualoni |
| Delaware State | Al Lavan | Kermit Blount |
| Elon | Pete Lembo | Jason Swepson |
| Florida | Urban Meyer | Will Muschamp |
| Furman | Bobby Lamb | Bruce Fowler |
| Gardner-Webb | Steve Patton | Ron Dickerson |
| Howard | Carey Bailey | Gary Harrell |
| Idaho State | John Zamberlin | Mike Kramer |
| Indiana | Bill Lynch | Kevin Wilson |
| Kent State | Doug Martin | Darrell Hazell |
| Louisiana-Lafayette | Rickey Bustle | Mark Hudspeth |

| SCHOOL | FORMER COACH | NEW COACH |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Maryland | Ralph Friedgen | Randy Edsall |
| Miami (Fla.) | Randy Shannon | Al Golden |
| Miami (Ohio) | Mike Haywood | Don Treadwell |
| Michigan | Rich Rodriguez | Brady Hoke |
| Minnesota | Tim Brewster | Jerry Kill |
| North Carolina A&T | Alonzo Lee | Rod Broadway |
| N.C. Central | Mose Rison | Henry Frazier |
| North Texas | Todd Dodge | Dan McCarney |
| Northern Colorado | Scott Downing | Earnest Collins |
| Northern Illinois | Jerry Kill | Dave Doeren |
| Pittsburgh | Dave Wannstedt | Todd Graham |
| Prairie View A&M | Henry Frazier | Heishma Northern |
| San Diego State | Brady Hoke | Rocky Long |
| Savannah State | Robby Wells | Steve Davenport |
| Stanford | Jim Harbaugh | David Shaw |
| Temple | Al Golden | Steve Addazio |
| Texas State | Brad Wright | Dennis Franchione |
| Tulsa | Todd Graham | Bill Blankenship |
| Vanderbilt | Robbie Caldwell | James Franklin |

ACC

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

STOCK REPORT UP DOWN STEADY
BOWL PROJECTIONS

Atlantic

- 1** FLORIDA STATE
Orange Bowl
- 2** MARYLAND
Military Bowl
- 3** BOSTON COLLEGE
Pinstripe Bowl
- 4** CLEMSON
Sun Bowl
- 5** N.C. STATE
Music City Bowl
- 6** WAKE FOREST

Coastal

- 1** VIRGINIA TECH
Chick fil-a Bowl
- 2** MIAMI
Champs Sports Bowl
- 3** NORTH CAROLINA
Independence Bowl
- 4** VIRGINIA
Belk Bowl
- 5** GEORGIA TECH
Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl
- 6** DUKE

TRENDING

1 With six starting quarterbacks having departed—including Tyrod Taylor and Christian Ponder—the balance of power in the ACC will shift to the defenses.



With Jimbo's 'Noles playing the lead role, ACC could return to the big national stage

By Dan Collins *Winston-Salem Journal* & Ken Tysiak *Charlotte Observer*

For the first four decades it fielded football teams, the ACC was mainly of regional interest only.

Maryland won the national title in 1953 despite losing its bowl game against Oklahoma. Clemson won the championship outright in 1981. And Georgia Tech got a sliver of the 1990 title, earning the distinction from a wire service (*UPI*) barely in existence today.

Otherwise, it was strictly community theatre compared to the blockbuster shows being put on by the real power conferences. The ACC played football from 1962 until 1972 without being represented anywhere in the final *AP* poll. It took another five seasons to get a team (Maryland) in the final top 10. And other than Clemson in 1982, no conference team even made so much as a run at a national title until Georgia Tech's 11-0-1 season of 1990.

The ACC, as everybody knew, was a basketball conference.

Florida State brought the bright lights and prestige to ACC football upon joining in 1992, along with the conference's fourth and fifth national championships in 1993 and 1999. And by adding Virginia Tech and Miami in 2004 and Boston College in 2005, the ACC made its bid to entrench itself among the best of the football conferences.

So how, six seasons later, did the ACC find itself back in the sticks on the college football map? Where did the grand plan go so wrong that not one team has finished higher than No. 7 in the final *AP* poll?

How is it possible that in the last seven BCS bowl appearances, the ACC has managed to win just one?

One answer is that other than Virginia Tech and Wake Forest, every program in the ACC has changed coaches since the conference expanded to 12 teams. Miami and BC have changed twice.

Another answer is the man largely responsible for the ACC's most recent national success got old. Bobby Bowden saw his handiwork at FSU start to unravel after the Seminoles' last conference title of 2005—until he was at long last replaced, at 80, by Jimbo Fisher before last season.

The move paid dividends at FSU last fall when the Seminoles won four of their final five games—including a 26-17 bowl victory over South Carolina—to finish 10-4 and 6-2 in ACC play. And based on how well Fisher handled his first season—along with the wealth of talent and experience returning, in addition to a recruiting class that could be the NCAA's best—the ACC trophy case could be reopened for the team that has supplied its best hardware to date.

3 The ACC isn't regarded as a top-tier BCS league because it hasn't had a team in a national title game since Florida State in 2000. That's not likely to change in 2011.

RATING THE ACC

► FASTEST RECEIVER

T.J. Graham, WR, N.C. State

He was clocked at 9.91 seconds returning a punt 87 yards against North Carolina last season.

► BEST HANDS

Conner Vernon, WR, Duke

The reliable possession receiver made 73 catches to lead the ACC in 2010.

► BEST PASSING QB

Danny O'Brien, Maryland

The super soph is armed and ready to build on his fabulous freshman debut.

► BEST RUNNING QB

Tevin Washington, Georgia Tech

Washington gets this honor for no other reason than that he'll have the best chance to show why playing in the flexbone.

► MOST ELUSIVE RB

Montel Harris, Boston College

Holds the ACC record for most rushing yards through his junior season with 3,600.

► BEST INSTINCTS

Jayron Hosley, CB, Virginia Tech

A knack for figuring out where the ball is going helped him intercept an ACC-high nine passes in 2010.

► BEST ATHLETE

Greg Reid, CB, Florida State

Possesses a rare combination of speed, muscle and body control.

► BEST UNDER PRESSURE

Casey Barth, K, North Carolina

Has late game-winning field goals against Virginia Tech and Tennessee (in overtime) in his career.

► TOP NFL PROSPECT

Quinton Coples, DE, North Carolina

Ten sacks in 2010 made scouts eager to see what he will do in 2011.

► TOP IMPACT FROSH

Karlos Williams, S, Florida State

Davenport, Fla., native was the top player in a class ranked No. 1 in the nation by *scout.com*.

► HARDEST HITTER

Kenny Tate, FS, Maryland

At 6-4 and 220 pounds, he punishes receivers over the middle and in the flats.

► BIGGEST OVERACHIEVER

Luke Kuechly, LB, Boston College

The ACC's leading tackler in 2010 makes plays with intellect and instincts rather than pure athletic ability.

► BEST INTERVIEW

Jim Grobe, Wake Forest coach

He's honest and thoughtful with a good sense of humor and opens practices to reporters.

► BEST COACH

Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech

Four conference championships in seven ACC seasons.

► BEST RECRUITER

Jimbo Fisher, Florida State

Florida State's recruiting class after his first full season was ranked No. 1 in the nation by *scout.com*. That's not a bad start.

► BEST ROAD TRIP

Virginia Tech

There's not a lot to do in Blacksburg, but the atmosphere at Lane Stadium is electric and the mountains are gorgeous at sunset.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP *by Brian McLaughlin, Sporting News*

1 ► FLORIDA STATE The Seminoles finished with a cherry on top when DT Tim Jernigan decided to stay close to home. Linebacker James Wilder is a gem, too.

► CLEMSON

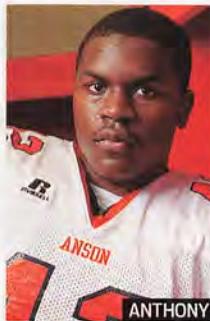
Tigers were the big closers on National Signing Day when they picked up two of the best linebackers in the nation—Tony Steward and Stephon Anthony.

► NORTH CAROLINA

With a great QB (Marquise Williams), offensive lineman (Kiaro Holts) and tight end (Eric Ebron) all signed up, the Tar Heels are looking stout on offense.

4 ► VIRGINIA The Cavaliers finished well, and the big battle they won came when do-everything Clifton Richardson held firm with his commitment.

5 ► VIRGINIA TECH True to form, the Hokies cleaned house on the defensive side of the ball, with DT Kris Harley and DE Corey Marshall being the headliners.



6 ► MIAMI Not surprisingly, the coaching change put a damper on a class that was looking pretty strong earlier in the year—but defensive ends Anthony Chickillo and Jalen Grindle are good ones.

7 ► BOSTON COLLEGE The Eagles benefited from the Miami coaching change when DB Albert Jean-Louis came aboard. Defensive end Connor Wujciak is a special player, too.

8 ► GEORGIA TECH Though the numbers were there (23 signees), the Yellow Jackets didn't get the blue-chip type of player they've landed in the past.

9 ► MARYLAND The Terrapins got some good news late when highly sought RB Justus Pickett of Charlotte, N.C., signed nearly a week after Signing Day.

10 ► WAKE FOREST It was a very, very quiet year for recruiting with the Demon Deacons, who signed only 16 players. Expect next year's class to be bigger.

11 ► DUKE The Blue Devils have made progress in recruiting over the past few years. Defensive back Jared Boyd was a solid pickup out of Georgia.

12 ► N.C. STATE The Wolfpack signed 20 players, with athlete Juston Burris being an exciting hometown prospect to keep an eye on.

ALL-ACC

OFFENSE

- QB** Danny O'Brien, So., Maryland
- RB** Montel Harris, Sr., Boston College
- RB** Andre Ellington, Jr., Clemson
- DL** Blake DeChristopher, Sr., Virginia Tech
- DL** Brandon Washington, Jr., Miami
- DL** Anthony Mihota, Sr., Virginia
- DL** Jaymes Brooks, Sr., Virginia Tech
- DL** Andrew Datko, Sr., Florida State
- TE** George Bryan, Sr., N.C. State
- WR** Conner Vernon, Jr., Duke
- WR** Dwight Jones, Sr., North Carolina

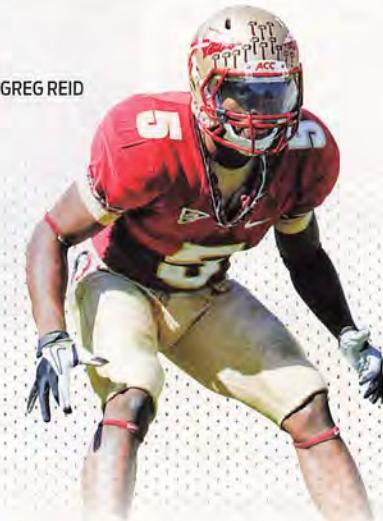
DEFENSE

- DL** Quinton Coples, Sr., North Carolina
- DL** Joe Vellano, Jr., Maryland
- DL** Tyreke Powell, Sr., North Carolina
- DL** Brandon Jenkins, Jr., Florida State
- LB** Luke Kuechly, Jr., Boston College
- LB** Bruce Taylor, Jr., Virginia Tech
- LB** Sean Spence, Sr., Miami
- DB** Jayron Hosley, Jr., Virginia Tech
- DB** Chase Minnifield, Sr., Virginia
- DB** Kenny Tate, Sr., Maryland
- DB** Ray-Ray Armstrong, Jr., Miami

SPECIALISTS

- K** Will Snyderwine, Sr., Duke
- P** Dawson Zimmerman, Sr., Clemson

GREG REID



ASCENDING

FLORIDA STATE

► Jimbo Fisher signed what may be the top recruiting class in the nation. A talent upgrade will help Florida State leave behind the chaos of Bobby Bowden's final years.

DESCENDING

CLEMSON

► Dabo Swinney somehow managed to sign a top-15 recruiting class, but staff changes and a 6-7 record last season create serious doubt of his ability to build a consistent winner in Death Valley.

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ACC ATLANTIC



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|---------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Louisiana-Monroe | |
| S.10 | Charleston Southern | |
| S.17 | Oklahoma | 17-47 |
| S.24 | @CLEMSON | 16-13 |
| O.8 | @WAKE FOREST | 31-0 |
| O.15 | @DUKE | |
| O.22 | Maryland | 30-16 |
| O.29 | N.C. State | 24-28 |
| N.3 | @BOSTON COLLEGE | 24-19 |
| N.12 | Miami (Fla.) | 45-17 |
| N.19 | Virginia | 34-14 |
| N.26 | @FLORIDA | 31-7 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Jimbo Fisher

2nd year (10-4)
Career record: 10-4

Offensive coordinator:
James Coley (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator:
Mark Stoops (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 10-4 ACC: 6-2

(beat South Carolina in the Chick-fil-A Bowl, 26-17)

Stadium: Doak S. Campbell Stadium
(82,300)

Tickets: 850-644-1830

Site: Tallahassee

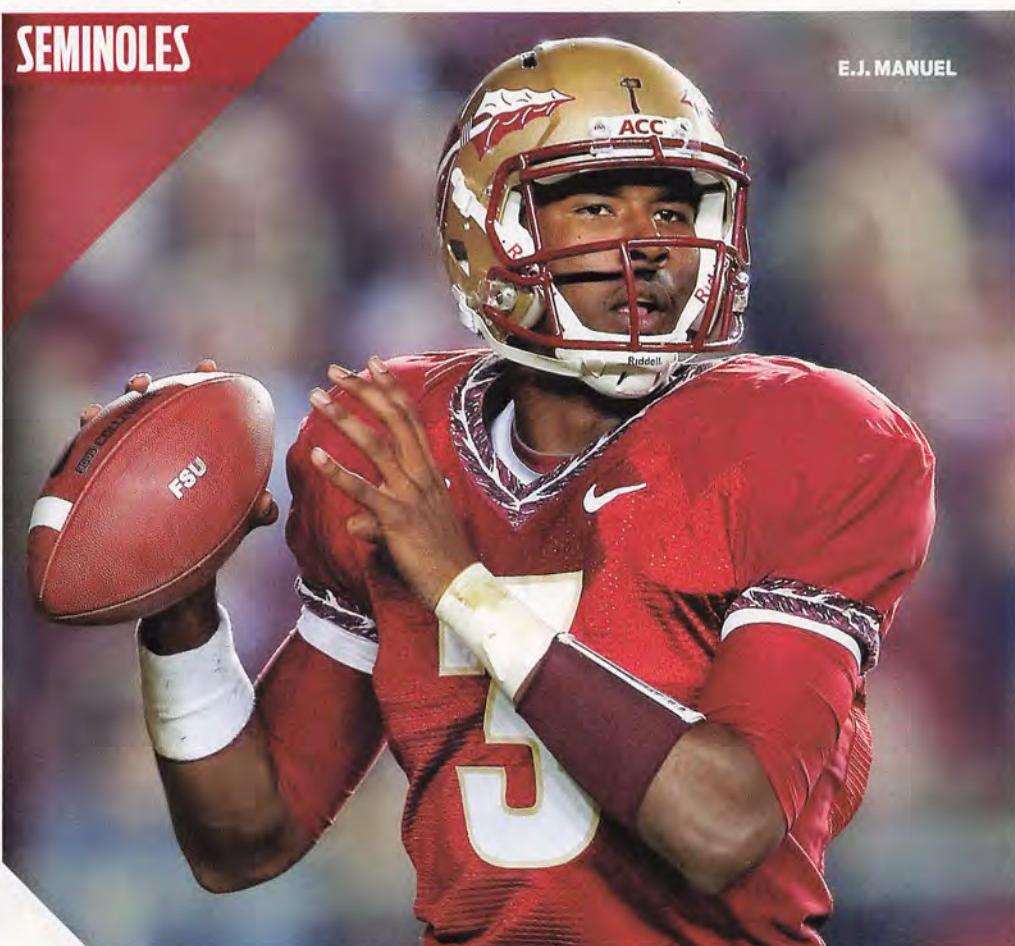
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FLORIDA STATE



SEMINOLES

E.J. MANUEL



If following a legend were easy, anybody could do it. But as Alabama found out with Ray Perkins, Oklahoma with Gary Gibbs and Notre Dame with Bob Davie, success cannot be bequeathed.

It can, however, be replicated, if the conditions and opportunity are right. Tom Osborne had a nice run in Bob Devaney's footsteps at Nebraska and John Robinson added a spacious, upscale addition to what John McKay had built at Southern Cal.

One season is not conclusive proof, but Jimbo Fisher in his first season at Florida State at least appeared to be an upgrade from Bobby Bowden in his last. But for Fisher to match what Bowden accomplished in his prime, he's going to have to take it up a notch or two in seasons to come.

Fisher did get FSU back to the ACC championship game for the first time since 2005, but the Seminoles lost to Virginia Tech 44-33. And FSU did beat South Carolina in the Chick-fil-A Bowl, but still finished with four losses.

Bowden, the guy for whom the field at Doak Campbell Stadium is named, coached FSU from

1987 through 2000 without losing more than three in a season.

So there's a higher standard for success in Tallahassee than in most college football towns. For Fisher to meet or exceed it, he's going to have to win the ACC and contend for a national championship. With 18 starters returning—including three of four defensive linemen and everyone in the secondary—he appears well-armed for the challenge.

The losses to spent eligibility, while light in number, were staggering in impact. Last year's three seniors on offense—quarterback Christian Ponder, guard Rodney Hudson and guard Ryan McMahon—started 135 games among them.

Ponder, the No. 12 overall pick in April's NFL draft, overcame injuries that knocked him out of two games to complete 61.5 percent of his passes for 2,044 yards and 20 touchdowns and rank third in the ACC with a pass-efficiency rating of 135.7.

Hudson was an unanimous All-American and McMahon was second-team All-ACC.

On defense, end Markus White and linebackers Kendall Smith and Mister Alexander started every game of their senior seasons.



But talent has never been in short supply at FSU, and the Seminoles haven't ranked outside of the top 10 nationally in recruiting since 2007. The players who play for the Seminoles could have played for virtually anybody.

One highly regarded recruit who has made the most of his limited playing time in Tallahassee has been E.J. Manuel, the starting quarterback now that Ponder will now be playing his football for the Minnesota Vikings. In 14 games—five of which were barely more than cameos—Manuel has completed 67 percent of his passes for 1,678 yards and six touchdowns.

His 153.3 pass-efficiency rating would have been second in the ACC last season if he had made enough throws to qualify. He has also shown the mobility to average 4.3 yards a carry and score three rushing touchdowns over his first two years.

But his 10 career interceptions prove there's still refinement to be done.

At FSU, where depth allows the burden to be shared, a running back rarely ranks among the ACC's best in total yards. A better gauge is yards per carry, and Chris Thompson averaged 6.3 a crack last season while also catching 19 passes for 155 yards.

Thompson is expected to again alternate with Ty Jones and Jermaine Thomas. The trio produced 1,862 rushing yards and 17 touchdowns last season while averaging 6.1 yards a carry.

All three will be pushed by highly coveted freshman James Wilder Jr.

The return of tackles Andrew Datko and Zebrie Sanders and guard David Spurlock assures that Fisher won't have to rebuild his offensive line, and every receiver who caught a pass last season is also back. Bert Reed caught 58, Taiwan Easterling 43, Willie Haulstead 38 and Rodney Smith 31.

Nigel Bradham, who led the 'Noles with 98 tackles last year, is the only starting linebacker returning, but he's a good one to rebuild around.

Jacob McDaniel is back at defensive tackle after starting all 14 games, and so are Anthony McCloud and Everett Dawkins, who shared the other tackle spot. But the leader of the front is end Brandon Jenkins, a first-team All-ACC performer last fall in his first full season as a starter.

The secondary, a problem area in recent seasons, has the experience and talent to be one of the ACC's best with the return of cornerbacks Greg Reid and Xavier Rhodes and safeties Nick Moody and Terrance Parks.

Kicker Dustin Hopkins led the ACC with 119 points in 2010 while making 22 of 28 field goal attempts and Shawn Powell averaged 44.3 yards a punt.

RECRUITING REPORT

It was a banner year in the state of Florida for elite prospects, and that was a huge benefit for coach Jimbo Fisher and the Seminoles. Defensive tackle Tim Jernigan (Lake City, Fla.), safety Karlos Williams (Davenport, Fla.) and tight end Nick O'Leary were the top prospects at their positions nationally. Florida State also scored a major victory with running back/linebacker James Wilder Jr. from Tampa. The son of

the former Tampa Bay Buccaneers rushing star with the same name, Wilder was thought to be a strong lead to Florida early in the process. Watch out for Miami's Devonta Freeman, who had a big senior season and could surprise at running back. Cornerback Nick Waisome (Groveland, Fla.) enrolled early and was one of the top pure cover corners in the 2011 class.

-JC Shurburt, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 3 | E.J. Manuel (6-4, 234, Jr.) |
| | 9 | Clint Trickett (6-2, 175, Fr.) |
| FB | 24 | Lonnie Pryor (6-0, 219, Jr.) |
| | 21 | Debrale Smiley (5-11, 240, Jr.) |
| RB | 23 | Chris Thompson (5-8, 190, Jr.) |
| | 38 | Jermaine Thomas (5-11, 187, Sr.) |
| LOT | 67 | Andrew Datko (6-6, 311, Sr.) |
| | 59 | Henry Orelus (6-2, 295, So.) |
| LOG | 66 | Jacob Stanley (6-2, 278, Sr.) |
| | 72 | Dan Foose (6-6, 279, Fr.) |
| C | 60 | Jacob Fahrenkrug (6-4, 307, Jr.) |
| | 52 | Bryan Stork (6-4, 289, So.) |
| ROG | 52 | Bryan Stork (6-4, 289, So.) |
| | 59 | Henry Orelus (6-2, 295, So.) |
| ROT | 76 | Garrett Faircloth (6-6, 291, Sr.) |
| | 77 | Zebrie Sanders (6-6, 307, Sr.) |
| TE | 85 | Ja'Baris Little (6-3, 238, Sr.) |
| | 44 | Will Tye (6-2, 243, Fr.) |
| WR | 8 | Taiwan Easterling (5-11, 200, Sr.) |
| | 84 | Rodney Smith (6-6, 216, Jr.) |
| WR | 83 | Bert Reed (5-10, 175, Sr.) |
| | 82 | Willie Haulstead (6-3, 206, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 49 | Brandon Jenkins (6-3, 258, Jr.) |
| | 58 | Dan Hicks (6-4, 265, So.) |
| LDT | 92 | Anthony McCloud (6-2, 302, Jr.) |
| | 98 | Cameron Erving (6-5, 301, Fr.) |
| RDT | 93 | Everett Dawkins (6-2, 281, Jr.) |
| | 97 | Demonte McAllister (6-2, 285, So.) |
| RDE | 95 | Bjoern Werner (6-4, 273, So.) |
| | 91 | Tank Carradine (6-5, 251, Jr.) |
| SLB | 13 | Nigel Bradham (6-2, 240, Sr.) |
| | 24 | Terrance Smith (6-3, 212, Fr.) |
| MLB | 7 | Christian Jones (6-4, 236, So.) |
| | 28 | Nigel Terrell (6-1, 218, Fr.) |
| WLB | 11 | Vince Williams (6-1, 245, Jr.) |
| | 22 | Telvin Smith (6-3, 209, So.) |
| LCB | 5 | Greg Reid (5-8, 185, Jr.) |
| | 15 | Nick Waisome (5-10, 165, Fr.) |
| RCB | 27 | Xavier Rhodes (6-2, 205, So.) |
| | 1 | Mike Harris (5-11, 183, Sr.) |
| FS | 4 | Terrance Parks (6-2, 218, Sr.) |
| | 3 | Justin Bright (6-1, 184, So.) |
| SS | 10 | Nick Moody (6-2, 226, Sr.) |
| | 20 | Lamaricus Joyner (5-8, 192, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|
| K | 18 | Dustin Hopkins (6-2, 183, Jr.) |
| P | 45 | Shawn Powell (6-4, 235, Sr.) |

Sporting News All-American

2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | FSU | OPP |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING | 439 | 275 |
| Points Per Game | 31.4 | 19.6 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 274 | 280 |
| Rushing | 120 | 114 |
| Passing | 134 | 135 |
| Penalty | 20 | 31 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2400 | 1802 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2767 | 2247 |
| Yards lost rushing | 367 | 445 |
| Rushing Attempts | 500 | 529 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.8 | 3.4 |
| Average Per Game | 171.4 | 128.7 |
| TDs Rushing | 27 | 12 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 2938 | 3150 |
| Att-Cmp-Int | 250-397-13 | 278-477-15 |
| Average Per Pass | 7.4 | 6.6 |
| Average Per Catch | 11.8 | 11.3 |
| Average Per Game | 209.9 | 225.0 |
| TDs Passing | 24 | 17 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 5338 | 4952 |
| Total Plays | 897 | 1006 |
| Average Per Play | 6.0 | 4.9 |
| Average Per Game | 381.3 | 353.7 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 57-1169 | 39-837 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 32-318 | 21-143 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 15-185 | 13-159 |

| TEAM STATISTICS | FSU | OPP |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| KICK RETURN AVG. | 20.5 | 21.5 |
| PUNT RETURN AVG. | 9.9 | 6.8 |
| INT RETURN AVG. | 12.3 | 12.2 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 24-10 | 23-12 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 88-808 | 98-775 |
| Average Per Game | 57.7 | 55.4 |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 50-2214 | 65-2669 |
| Average Per Punt | 44.3 | 41.1 |
| Net punt average | 39.0 | 35.6 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 29:51 | 30:09 |
| 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 89/185 | 93/222 |
| 3rd-Down Pct. | 48% | 42% |
| 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 7/10 | 12/26 |
| 4th-Down Pct. | 70% | 46% |
| SACKS BY-YARDS | 48-264 | 27-153 |
| MISCYARDS | 1 | 0 |
| TDS SCORED | 53 | 31 |
| FG-ATTEMPTS | 22-28 | 20-24 |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | 53-53 | 29-31 |
| ATTENDANCE | 498890 | 312763 |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 7/71270 | 5/62553 |
| Neutral Site Games | | 2/72298 |

| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Florida State | 80 | 176 | 75 | 108 | 0 | 439 |
| Opponent | 72 | 70 | 88 | 45 | 0 | 275 |

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ACC ATLANTIC



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| S.5 | Miami (Fla.) | 20-26 |
| S.17 | West Virginia | 17-31 |
| S.24 | Temple | |
| O.1 | Towson | |
| O.8 | @GEORGIA TECH | |
| O.15 | Clemson | 7-31 |
| O.22 | @FLORIDA STATE | 16-30 |
| O.29 | Boston College | 24-21 |
| N.5 | Virginia | 42-23 |
| N.12 | Notre Dame* | |
| N.19 | @WAKE FOREST | 62-14 |
| N.26 | @N.C. STATE | 38-31 |

*at Washington D.C.

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Randy Edsall

1st year

Career record: 70-63

Offensive coordinator:

Gary Crowton (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Todd Bradford (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 9-4 ACC: 5-3

(beat East Carolina in the
Military Bowl, 51-20)

Stadium: Byrd Stadium (51,500)

Tickets: 301-314-7070

Site: College Park

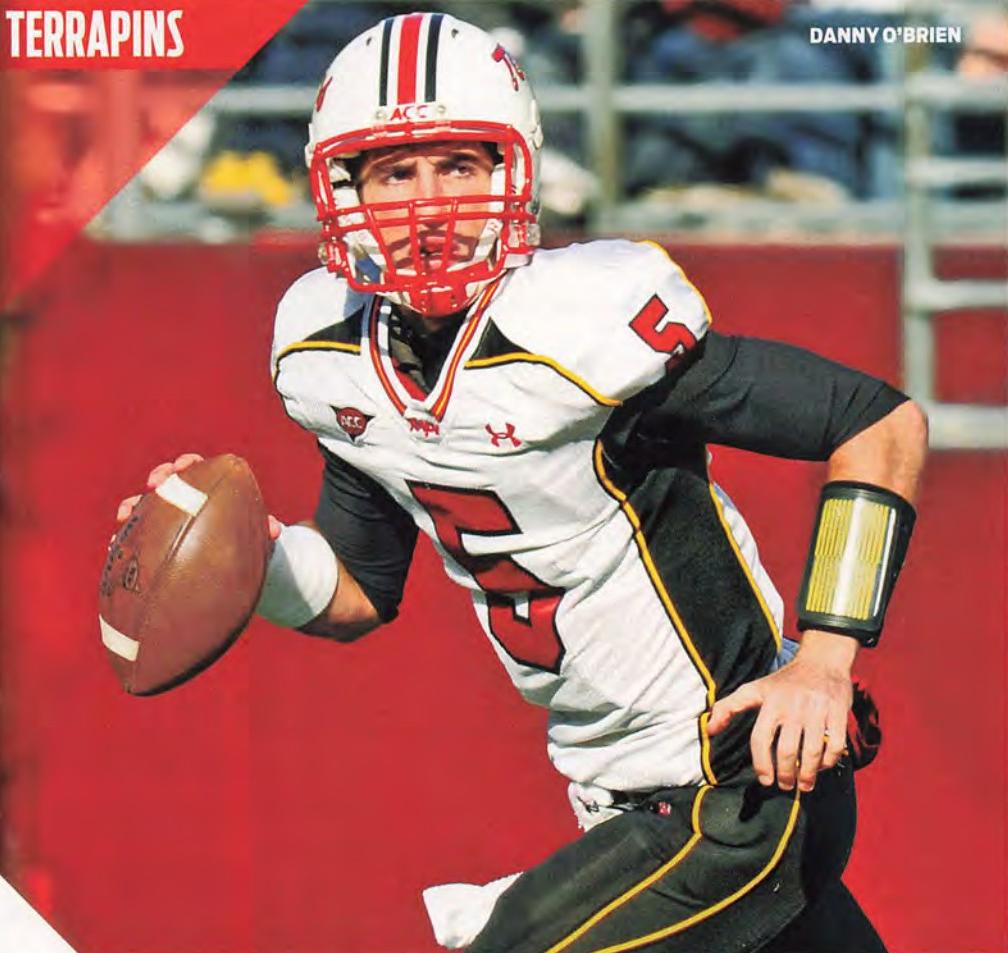
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MARYLAND

TERRAPINS

DANNY O'BRIEN



Maryland fans will debate for years whose job Randy Edsall actually took when he left Connecticut to become the Terps' head coach Jan. 3.

The easy answer is Ralph Friedgen, a Maryland alumnus who won 75 games in 10 years, including nine of them in his last hurrah of 2010.

But that's not taking into account the promise made to James Franklin, who had been designated coach-in-waiting when he returned to Maryland from Kansas State in December 2007. And it doesn't address media accounts that Friedgen would be succeeded by Mike Leach, who was let go by Texas Tech in December 2009 for what the school deemed as improper treatment of a player.

But the person who anointed Franklin heir apparent, director of athletics Debbie Yow, left Maryland for N.C. State in June 2010. And her successor, Kevin Anderson, flubbed when he said Nov. 18 that Friedgen would return for an 11th season.

That was until Franklin announced on Dec. 17 that he was leaving to become head coach at

Vanderbilt, by which time Anderson declined to address Friedgen's future at Maryland. A day later, the *Washington Post* reported Friedgen would not return, and would instead be paid a severance of \$2 million.

Maryland officially fired Friedgen two days later and for the next two weeks the school's fans discussed how Leach's swashbuckling, wide-open style would fit in the ACC.

Then, on Jan. 3, Anderson stepped to the microphones to introduce Edsall, a 52-year-old coach who over the past 12 years had methodically built Connecticut from a Division I-AA program into a Big East power.

"I had a hard decision when we decided to make a change," Anderson said. "We know that we are good, but we want to be great and we want to take this football program to another level."

"That's why Randy is sitting here—because his body of work has demonstrated that."

But nothing unites a splintered fan base like winning, and Edsall appears to have the talent to do just that in his first year at Maryland.

Returning are quarterback Danny O'Brien and 13 other starters from a team that made a strong run at the school's first appearance in the ACC championship game.

The offensive line is almost intact, with only guard Paul Pinegar lost to spent eligibility. Running back Davin Meggett gained 720 yards last year, a total that should rise with the graduation of NFL draft pick Da'Rel Scott. Fellow NFL draftee Torrey Smith will be missed at wide receiver, as will Adrian Cannon, but Quintin McCree, Kevin Dorsey, Ronnie Tyler and Tony Logan all contributed last season, and Adrian Coxson is in the picture after sitting out 2010 as a transfer from Florida.

The Terps' defense was the ACC's third best against the run in 2010, thanks in large part to tackles Joe Vellano, A.J. Francis and Justin Anderson, all of whom return. Vellano made second-team All-ACC with 63 tackles, five sacks and 10.5 tackles for loss.

The biggest hole facing first-year defensive coordinator Todd Bradford (who held the same position at Southern Miss the past three seasons) will be at linebacker, where Alex Wujciak was lost to graduation. Wujciak made first-team All-ACC last year when he finished fourth in the conference with nine tackles a game.

Bradford will be counting on a big season from Demetrius Hartsfield, who averaged 6.7 tackles a game last fall as a sophomore. And in perhaps the biggest news of the spring, Kenny Tate, a first-team All-ACC safety last season as a junior, was moved to outside linebacker.

Bradford, promoted after Maryland could not come to terms with Randy Shannon, the ex-head coach at Miami, will still need greater contributions from juniors Darin Drakeford and Isaiah Ross. Drakeford had 36 tackles last season, Ross 27.

Both starting cornerbacks, Cameron Chism and Trenton Hughes, return as seniors to give the Terps experience where it is needed most.

A major question is what impact the coaching change will have on O'Brien, who was named the ACC Rookie of the Year last season after breaking into the starting lineup in the fourth game of the season. O'Brien completed 192 of 337 passes for 2,438 yards, but his most impressive statistic was 22 touchdown passes against eight interceptions. He ranked fourth in the ACC with a pass-efficiency rating of 134.5.

In the spring, O'Brien said he was pleased with the offense of new coordinator Gary Crowton, the former head coach at BYU who spent the last four seasons as offensive coordinator at LSU.

RECRUITING REPORT

Randy Edsall's first class at Maryland was deep at wide receiver and defensive back. Two receivers from North Carolina, Nigel King and Marcus Leak, and prep school prospect Tyrek Cheesboro (Fork Union, Va.) should provide depth early. In-state safety Jeremiah Hendy was the top-rated prospect in Maryland's class and should make an instant impact. The Terps held on to Hendy, who had committed to the previous staff of

Ralph Friedgen, after a late charge from Virginia and others. Makinton Dorleant was one of the top sleeper defensive backs on Florida's west coast. After Signing Day, the Terps added speedy athlete Justus Pickett from Charlotte (N.C.) Ardrey Kell. A running back in high school, Pickett could play receiver or defensive back in college. He was timed at less than 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash during the recruiting cycle. —JC Shurburt, 247Sports



GAME-CHANGER

Kenny Tate, LB

New coach Randy Edsall has a featured position in his defense, and has picked a special player to fill it. Tate, a 6-5, 220-pound All-ACC free safety, has been moved to "Star," a hybrid of safety and linebacker that will have Tate essentially lining up as an outside linebacker.

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

| Danny O'Brien | GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg./G |
|---------------|-----------|--------|-------------|------|-------|----|--------|
| 13 134.5 | 337-192-8 | 57.0 | 2438 | 22 | 187.5 | | |

RUSHING

| Davin Meggett | GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg./G |
|---------------|-----|------|-----|------|----|--------|
| 13 126 | 720 | 5.7 | 4 | 55.4 | | |

RECEIVING

| Quintin McCree | GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg./G |
|----------------|-----|------|------|------|----|--------|
| 12 16 | 188 | 11.8 | 1 | 15.7 | | |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| Kenny Tate | GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
|------------|----|------|--------|-------|
| 13 58 | 42 | | | 100 |

SACKS

| Joe Vellano | GP | No. | Yards |
|-------------|----|-----|-------|
| 13 5.0 | | | 29 |

INTERCEPTIONS

| Eric Franklin | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|---------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| Kenny Tate | 3 | 57 | 19.0 | 0 |

| Kenny Tate | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| | 3 | 81 | 27.0 | 1 |

2010 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS

| SCORING | MD | OPP |
|---------|-----|-----|
| 419 | 288 | |

| | | |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Points Per Game | 32.2 | 22.2 |
|-----------------|------|------|

| FIRST DOWNS | MD | OPP |
|-------------|-----|-----|
| 226 | 260 | |

| | | |
|---------|----|----|
| Rushing | 87 | 88 |
|---------|----|----|

| | | |
|---------|-----|-----|
| Passing | 115 | 140 |
|---------|-----|-----|

| | | |
|---------|----|----|
| Penalty | 24 | 32 |
|---------|----|----|

| RUSHING YARDAGE | MD | OPP |
|-----------------|------|-----|
| 1796 | 1618 | |

| | | |
|----------------------|------|------|
| Yards gained rushing | 2084 | 1996 |
|----------------------|------|------|

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| Yards lost rushing | 288 | 378 |
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| Rushing Attempts | 433 | 480 |
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| Average Per Rush | 4.1 | 3.4 |
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| Average Per Game | 138.2 | 124.5 |
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| TDs Rushing | 21 | 14 |
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| PASSING YARDAGE | MD | OPP |
|-----------------|------|-----|
| 2791 | 2962 | |

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| Att-Comp-Int | 219-389-10 | 270-499-19 |
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| Average Per Pass | 7.2 | 5.9 |
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| Average Per Catch | 12.7 | 11.0 |
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| Average Per Game | 214.7 | 227.8 |
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| TDs Passing | 27 | 17 |
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| TOTAL OFFENSE | MD | OPP |
|---------------|------|-----|
| 4587 | 4580 | |

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| Total Plays | 822 | 979 |
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|------------------|-----|-----|
| Average Per Play | 5.6 | 4.7 |
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|------------------|-------|-------|
| Average Per Game | 352.8 | 352.3 |
|------------------|-------|-------|

| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | MD | OPP |
|---------------------|---------|-----|
| 50-914 | 73-1408 | |

| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | MD | OPP |
|---------------------|--------|-----|
| 34-576 | 32-320 | |

| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | MD | OPP |
|--------------------|--------|-----|
| 19-310 | 10-217 | |

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| QB 5 | Danny O'Brien (6-3, 215, So.) |
| 16 | C.J. Brown (6-3, 200, So.) |
| FB 36 | Taylor Watson (6-2, 240, Sr.) |
| 32 | Haroon Brown (5-10, 260, Sr.) |
| RB 8 | Davin Meggett (5-9, 215, Sr.) |
| 10 | D.J. Adams (5-10, 220, So.) |
| LOT 75 | Justin Gilbert (6-6, 300, Jr.) |
| 73 | Max Garcia (6-4, 290, So.) |
| LOG 77 | Andrew Gonnella (6-5, 295, Sr.) |
| 70 | De'Onté Arnett (6-4, 275, So.) |
| C 63 | Bennett Fulper (6-4, 295, So.) |
| 65 | Sal Conaboy (6-3, 265, Fr.) |
| ROG 67 | Pete White (6-4, 330, So.) |
| 68 | Josh Cary (6-5, 300, So.) |
| ROT 76 | R.J. Dill (6-7, 300, Jr.) |
| 74 | Nick Klemm (6-5, 290, So.) |
| TE 89 | Matt Furstenburg (6-4, 245, Jr.) |
| 34 | Devonte Campbell (6-2, 255, Jr.) |
| WR 17 | Quintin McCree (6-1, 190, Sr.) |
| 7 | Adrian Coxson (6-1, 203, Fr.) |
| WR 4 | Ronnie Tyler (5-9, 185, Sr.) |
| 13 | Kerry Boykins (6-0, 200, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | |
|--------|--------------------------------------|
| LDE 56 | Isaiah Ross (6-1, 255, Jr.) |
| 98 | Clarence Murphy (6-2, 240, Fr.) |
| LDT 72 | Joe Vellano (6-2, 285, Jr.) |
| 95 | Justin Anderson (6-5, 275, Jr.) |
| RDT 96 | A.J. Francis (6-4, 295, Jr.) |
| 90 | Maurice Hampton (6-2, 295, Sr.) |
| RDE 59 | David Mackall (6-3, 240, So.) |
| 58 | Bradley Johnson (6-1, 220, So.) |
| SLB 6 | Kenny Tate (6-4, 220, Sr.) |
| 15 | Mario Rowson (6-3, 190, Fr.) |
| MLB 9 | Demetrius Hartsfield (6-2, 235, Jr.) |
| 51 | Ryan Donohue (6-0, 230, Jr.) |
| WLB 52 | Darin Drakeford (6-0, 240, Jr.) |
| 53 | Lorne Goree (6-1, 225, Fr.) |
| LCB 21 | Trenton Hughes (5-11, 190, Sr.) |
| 25 | Dexter McDougle (5-10, 200, So.) |
| RCB 22 | Cameron Chism (5-10, 190, Sr.) |
| 14 | Jeremiah Johnson (5-11, 170, Fr.) |
| FS 48 | Eric Franklin (6-2, 205, Jr.) |
| 27 | Titus Till (6-2, 195, Fr.) |
| SS 40 | Matt Robinson (6-3, 220, So.) |
| 29 | Austin Walker (6-0, 195, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

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|------|------------------------------|
| K 43 | Nick Ferrara (6-0, 200, Jr.) |
| P 29 | Michael Tart (6-2, 170, Fr.) |

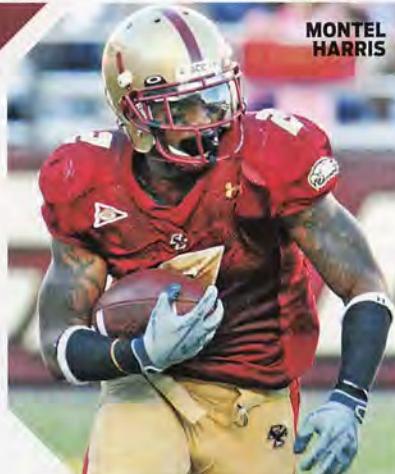
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ACC ATLANTIC

BOSTON COLLEGE

EAGLES



To call Boston College's offense a one-trick pony is to do a disservice to Montel Harris, who's as productive as any ACC running back ever.

But unless coach Frank Spaziani and first-year offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers figure out a way to diversify the Eagles' offense, Harris could break former N.C. State great Ted Brown's longstanding ACC record for most career rushing yards while playing on a losing team.

The Eagles, led by All-America linebacker Luke Kuechly, remain one of the most stubborn defensive teams in the nation. Last year, BC led major college football in rushing defense, and ranked No. 13 in total defense.

And Harris, a back any coach would love to build an offense around, has gained 3,600 yards in his three seasons at Chestnut Hill. With 1,003 more, he'll eclipse the mark of 4,602 Brown set with the Wolfpack from 1975 through 1978.

But even with Harris anchoring an offense coordinated by the venerable Gary Tranquill (who retired in the offseason at age 70 after coaching for almost 50 years), BC still managed to have the least-productive attack in the league. The Eagles ranked last in scoring offense (18.5 points per game) and total offense (299.1 yards per game).

The Eagles' problem ever since Matt Ryan was selected by Atlanta as the third pick of the 2007 NFL draft has been inconsistent play at quarterback. First-year freshman Chase Rettig beat out 2009 starter Dave Shinskie a year ago, but Rettig's pass-efficiency rating was a paltry 105.5.

Rettig completed 51.3 percent of his passes for 1,238 yards, and had a big game with a career-high 230 yards and two touchdowns against Duke. But his flaws showed when he passed for only six touchdowns against nine interceptions.

Rogers, the quarterbacks coach of the Minnesota Vikings the past five seasons, will also have to retool the offensive line following the loss of three seniors, including All-America tackle and first-round NFL pick Anthony Castonzo.

Spaziani was defensive coordinator at BC for 10 years before his promotion to head coach in 2009, and his emphasis on that side of the ball has remained even with Bill McGovern serving as defensive coordinator. The staff certainly has a knack

for landing and developing sideline-to-sideline linebackers.

Kuechly, a unanimous All-America choice last season when he led the nation with 14.1 tackles a game, is a candidate for National Defensive Player of the Year. He enters his junior season as the nation's leader in career tackles, and has made at least 10 tackles in 22 straight games.

GAME-CHANGER

Chase Rettig, QB

With a passing game to complement the running ability of Montel Harris and a stalwart defense led by linebacker Luke Kuechly, BC could be back in the ACC championship game. Rettig was an upgrade last season as a true freshman, when he completed 51 percent of passes for 1,238 yards and six touchdowns.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------------|
| QB | 7 | Chase Rettig (6-3, 210, So.) |
| FB | 36 | Danny Traeger (6-1, 230, Fr.) |
| RB | 2 | Montel Harris (5-10, 200, Sr.) |
| LOT | 73 | John Wetzel (6-8, 303, Jr.) |
| LOG | 75 | Nathan Richman (6-6, 300, Sr.) |
| C | 69 | Mark Spinney (6-4, 282, Sr.) |
| ROG | 60 | Bryan Davis (6-3, 280, So.) |
| ROT | 77 | Emmett Cleary (6-7, 300, Jr.) |
| TE | 81 | Chris Pantale (6-6, 248, Jr.) |
| WR | 83 | Alex Amidon (5-11, 186, So.) |
| WR | 86 | Bobby Swigert (6-1, 180, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 56 | Max Holloway (6-2, 250, Jr.) |
| LDT | 96 | Kaleb Ramsey (6-3, 295, Sr.) |
| ROD | 97 | Conor O'Neal (6-3, 286, Jr.) |
| RDE | 91 | Kasim Edebali (6-2, 248, So.) |
| SLB | 49 | Steele D'Vitto (6-3, 220, So.) |
| MLB | 40 | Luke Kuechly (6-3, 235, Jr.) |
| WLB | 32 | Kevin Pierre-Louis (6-1, 221, So.) |
| LCB | 4 | Donnie Fletcher (6-1, 200, Sr.) |
| RCB | 18 | C.J. Jones (5-11, 173, So.) |
| FS | 27 | Okechukwu Okoroh (6-1, 205, Jr.) |
| SS | 23 | Jim Noel (6-4, 186, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

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|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 85 | Nate Freese (6-0, 180, So.) |
| P | 46 | Ryan Quigley (6-3, 189, Sr.) |

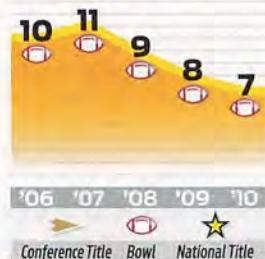
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SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| S.3 | Northwestern | |
| S.10 | @UCF | |
| S.17 | Duke | 21-16 |
| S.24 | Massachusetts | |
| O.1 | Wake Forest | 23-13 |
| O.8 | @CLEMSON | 16-10 |
| O.22 | @VIRGINIA TECH | 0-19 |
| O.29 | @MARYLAND | 21-24 |
| N.3 | Florida State | 19-24 |
| N.12 | N.C. State | 17-44 |
| N.19 | @NOTRE DAME | 13-31 |
| N.26 | @MIAMI (Fla.) | |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



► RATING THE RECRUTS

1 ▶ Steven Daniels: ILB, 6-1, 225

Daniels was an All-State selection who had 18 tackles for loss as a senior at St. Xavier High in Cincinnati. The Eagles beat Kentucky, Texas A&M, Louisville and others for his services.

2 ▶ Albert Louis-Jean: CB, 6-1, 215

The top prospect in the state of Massachusetts, Louis-Jean is a rangy, versatile defensive back who could play corner or safety. He originally committed to Miami before signing with BC.

3 ▶ Brian Miller: TE, 6-4, 215

Miller, from Andover (Mass.) High, had offers from a host of schools, including Michigan and North Carolina.

4 ▶ Christian Suntrup: QB, 6-4, 215

Suntrup threw for 4,507 yards and 39 touchdowns during his career at Champlain College Prep in St. Louis. He has good size and a strong arm.

5 ▶ Sean Duggan: OLB, 6-4, 215

Steven Daniels' teammate at St. Xavier is a tall, rangy linebacker/athlete who picked the Eagles over more than two dozen other scholarship offers.

CLEMSON

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ACC ATLANTIC

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 10 | Tajh Boyd (6-1, 230, So.) |
| RB | 23 | Andre Ellington (5-10, 190, Jr.) |
| LOT | 79 | Phillip Price (6-5, 300, Sr.) |
| LOG | 73 | David Smith (6-5, 315, Sr.) |
| C | 55 | Dalton Freeman (6-5, 285, Jr.) |
| ROG | 74 | Antoine McClain (6-5, 330, Sr.) |
| ROT | 72 | Landon Walker (6-6, 310, Sr.) |
| TE | 83 | Dwayne Allen (6-4, 255, Jr.) |
| WR | 80 | Brandon Ford (6-4, 220, Jr.) |
| WR | 18 | Jaron Brown (6-2, 200, Jr.) |
| WR | 6 | DeAndre Hopkins (6-1, 195, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| DE | 97 | Malliciah Goodman (6-4, 265, Jr.) |
| NG | 98 | Brandon Thompson (6-2, 310, Sr.) |
| DT | 94 | Rennie Moore (6-4, 270, Sr.) |
| BE | 40 | Andre Branch (6-5, 260, Sr.) |
| SLB | 34 | Quandon Christian (6-3, 215, So.) |
| MLB | 42 | Corico Hawkins (5-11, 230, Jr.) |
| WLB | 46 | Jonathan Willard (6-2, 220, Jr.) |
| LCB | 15 | Coty Sensabaugh (6-0, 180, Sr.) |
| RCB | 29 | Xavier Brewer (5-11, 190, Jr.) |
| FS | 31 | Rashard Hall (6-2, 200, Jr.) |
| SS | 5 | Jonathan Meeks (6-1, 205, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------------|
| K | 39 | Chandler Catanzaro (6-2, 205, So.) |
| P | 96 | Dawson Zimmerman (6-2, 205, Sr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Stephone Anthony: OLB, 6-3, 220

Anthony was rated as the nation's top linebacker prospect out of Anson High in Wadesboro, N.C. He picked the Tigers over Virginia Tech, Florida and North Carolina.

2 ▶ Tony Steward: OLB, 6-2, 220

Steward surprised many when he signed with the Tigers over Florida State. Out of St. Augustine (Fla.) High, Steward was the nation's second-ranked linebacker.

3 ▶ Sammy Watkins: WR, 6-1, 180

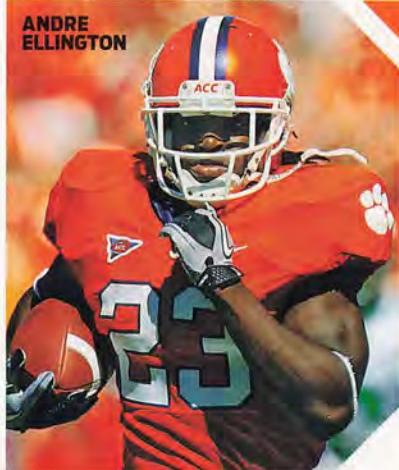
Watkins was the nation's top-rated receiver prospect out of South Fort Myers (Fla.) High. The speedy playmaker reminds many of Vikings receiver Percy Harvin.

4 ▶ Charone Peake: WR, 6-4, 205

Peake was the top receiver in the state of South Carolina for the 2011 class. He's a unique blend of size and speed.

5 ▶ Mike Bellamy: RB, 5-10, 180

Bellamy, from Punta Gorda, Fla., set the Sunshine State's career touchdown record. He could help Clemson's special teams immediately as a return man.



TIGERS

ANDRE ELLINGTON



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|-------|-----------------|------------|
| 9/3 | Troy | |
| 9/10 | Wofford | |
| 9/17 | Auburn | 24-27 (OT) |
| 9/24 | Florida State | 13-16 |
| 10/1 | @VIRGINIA TECH | |
| 10/8 | Boston College | 10-16 |
| 10/15 | @MARYLAND | 31-7 |
| 10/22 | North Carolina | 16-21 |
| 10/29 | @GEORGIA TECH | 27-13 |
| 11/12 | Wake Forest | 30-10 |
| 11/19 | @N.C. STATE | 14-13 |
| 11/26 | @SOUTH CAROLINA | 7-29 |

COACH

Dabo Swinney

4th year (19-15)

Career record: 19-15

Offensive coordinator:

Chad Morris (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Kevin Steele (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 6-7 ACC: 4-4

(lost to South Florida in the

Meineke Car Care Bowl, 31-26)

Stadium: Clemson Memorial

Stadium (80,301)

Tickets: 864-656-2118

Site: Clemson, S.C.

Official athletic Web site:

www.clemson.tigers.com

Clemson fans are used to seeing their football team accomplish less with more.

That doesn't mean they have to like it.

Few teams in college football underachieved more dramatically in 2010 than did the Tigers in Dabo Swinney's second full season as head coach. That's nothing new at a school that, for all its talent, hasn't won an ACC title since 1991.

There were reasons to think the streak might end last season, even after the loss of All-America running back C.J. Spiller to the NFL.

Instead, the Tigers finished with the school's first losing season (6-7) since Tommy West directed the 1998 team to a 3-8 mark.

Although West was fired as a result, Swinney was given at least one more chance. As always, he has plenty of material to work with; eight starters return on offense and five on defense.

That's not counting Andre Ellington, a junior running back who produced 686 yards and 10 touchdowns in nine games last year. Ellington, who has averaged 6.3 yards per carry for his career, missed the final four contests with an injured toe.

Jamie Harper passed up his senior season to be a fourth-round draft pick of the Tennessee Titans, so Ellington is expected to share time with freshman Mike Bellamy in a run-oriented attack installed by first-year coordinator Chad Morris.

There was no widespread despair when quarterback Kyle Parker passed up his junior campaign to concentrate on baseball. Parker, to some, became the embodiment of the Tigers' failure to live up to expectations. In truth, a series of injuries contributed to a sophomore season so disappointing that he ended up eighth in ACC passing efficiency with a 117.2 rating.

Tajh Boyd, the backup last season, will get a chance to improve on Parker's performance, but only if he can fight off a challenge from freshmen Cole Stoudt and Tony McNeal. Whoever emerges will have a proven target in DeAndre Hopkins, who ranked eighth in the league last year with 52 catches.

The offensive line will miss Chris Hairston, an All-ACC tackle who started 23 games. The mainstays this season should be senior tackle Landon Walker, center Dalton Freeman and senior guard Antoine

McClain. Other programs

might suffer from the loss of All-America defensive end Da'Quan Bowers, All-ACC defensive tackle Jarvis Jenkins and All-ACC safety DeAndre McDaniel, but Clemson has always had the talent to reload. The key this fall will be getting payoff seasons from Andre Branch at defensive end, Brandon Thompson at noseguard and Rashard Hall at safety.

GAME-CHANGER

Andre Branch, DE

He's the best reason for the Tigers not to despair over loss of All-America defensive end Da'Quan Bowers. Starting opposite Bowers, Branch had 5.0 sacks and 8.5 tackles for loss last season. He also deflected six passes, the most by any defensive lineman in the ACC. Branch should emerge as a senior from Bowers' shadow into one of the best defenders in the league.

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N.C. STATE

ACC ATLANTIC

WOLFPACK

Give a good college football coach a great quarterback and, in time, something worth watching will happen.

Coach Tom O'Brien of N.C. State proved by directing Boston College to eight straight bowl games that he's a good coach. Russell Wilson proved by passing for 8,545 yards and 76 touchdowns over his first three seasons that he's a great quarterback.

But even with that vaunted combination, the Wolfpack still needed all three of Wilson's first three seasons to contend for an ACC championship. The rest of the program O'Brien inherited had to rise to the challenge.

And now that it has—with 13 starters returning from a squad that finished 9-4 overall and 5-3 in the ACC and came within a victory at Maryland from playing in the conference title game—the question now is whether the 'Pack can keep the momentum going without their record-setting QB. Wilson, who signed a pro baseball contract in June 2010 and has spent the last couple of springs playing in the minor leagues, was given his release to transfer by O'Brien in late April.

The former Marine had grown tired of Wilson's flirtation with baseball and his uncertain status each spring and offseason. O'Brien says his decision was made easy because Mike Glennon, a 6-6 redshirt junior, proved he was ready to be Wilson's successor with a strong performance in spring drills. A year ago, Glennon played in three games and completed nine of 13 passes. He was one of the nation's most coveted quarterbacks coming out of high school.

Glennon will be playing with an experienced offensive line, a rebuilt receiving corps, one of the ACC's best tight ends in George Bryan and a deep, if hardly renown, stable of running backs. Center Camden Wentz, guard Zach Allen and tackle R.J. Mattes return as juniors and Bryan, a two-time All-ACC performer who caught 75 passes over the past two years, will be a senior.

With the departure of Jarvis Williams and Owen Spencer, both of whom started 13 games last year as seniors, T.J. Graham is the only returning wide receiver who caught more than 12 passes (25) in 2010.

Dean Haynes has been moved from running back to the secondary, leaving sophomore Mustafa Greene and juniors James Washington and Brandon Barnes to compete for carries.

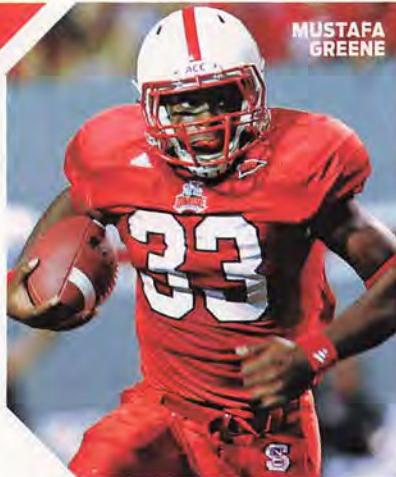
Returning linebackers Audie Cole and Terrell Manning will shoulder a heavier load this year. Seniors Jeff Rieskamp and J.R. Sweezy return to the defensive line.

The secondary, shaky in past seasons, will be one of the ACC's most experienced with the return of C.J. Wilson and David Amerson at cornerback and Brandon Bishop and Earl Wolff at safety.

GAME-CHANGER

Audie Cole, LB

The loss of linebacker Nate Irving to injuries crippled the Wolfpack in 2009. The emergence of the 6-5, 239-pound Cole should prevent a similar story now that Irving has graduated. Cole led N.C. State with 73 tackles as a sophomore and ranked third with 86 as a junior.



MUSTAFA GREENE



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Liberty | |
| S.10 | @WAKE FOREST | 38-3 |
| S.17 | South Alabama | |
| S.22 | @CINCINNATI | 30-19 |
| O.1 | Georgia Tech | 45-28 |
| O.8 | Central Michigan | |
| O.22 | @VIRGINIA | |
| O.29 | @FLORIDA STATE | 28-24 |
| N.5 | North Carolina | 29-25 |
| N.12 | @BOSTON COLLEGE | 44-17 |
| N.19 | Clemson | 13-14 |
| N.26 | Maryland | 31-38 |

COACH

Tom O'Brien

5th year (25-25)

Career record: 100-70

Offensive coordinator:

Dana Bible (5th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Mike Archer (5th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 9-4 ACC: 5-3

(beat West Virginia in the Champs Sports Bowl, 23-7)

Stadium: Carter-Finley Stadium (60,000)

Tickets: 800-310-PACK

Site: Raleigh

Official athletic Web site:

www.gopack.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 8 | Mike Glennon (6-6, 225, Jr.) |
| FB | 47 | Taylor Gentry (6-2, 250, Jr.) |
| RB | 33 | Mustafa Greene (6-0, 201, So.) |
| LOT | 76 | Mikel Overgaard (6-6, 289, Sr.) |
| LOG | 62 | Duran Christophe (6-6, 287, So.) |
| C | 53 | Camden Wentz (6-3, 296, Jr.) |
| ROT | 72 | Zach Allen (6-3, 322, Jr.) |
| ROT | 79 | R.J. Mattes (6-6, 303, Jr.) |
| TE | 84 | George Bryan (6-5, 265, Sr.) |
| WR | 86 | Jay Smith (6-2, 209, Sr.) |
| WR | 6 | T.J. Graham (6-0, 180, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| DE | 99 | Jeff Rieskamp (6-3, 245, Sr.) |
| LOT | 55 | Brian Slay (6-3, 290, Jr.) |
| ROT | 52 | J.R. Sweezy (6-5, 293, Sr.) |
| RDE | 92 | Darryl Cato-Bishop (6-4, 281, So.) |
| SLB | 31 | D.J. Green (6-4, 214, So.) |
| MLB | 35 | Terrell Manning (6-3, 224, Jr.) |
| WLB | 42 | Audie Cole (6-5, 239, Sr.) |
| LCB | 1 | David Amerson (6-3, 185, So.) |
| RCB | 20 | C.J. Wilson (5-11, 179, Jr.) |
| FS | 30 | Brandan Bishop (6-2, 210, Jr.) |
| SS | 27 | Earl Wolff (6-0, 201, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| K | Niklas Sade (6-3, 190, Fr.) |
| P | Wil Baumann (6-4, 185, Fr.) |

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5-YEAR WINS TREND



► RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Rodman Noel: LB, 6-3, 200

Noel is a tall, rangy linebacker out of Milford Academy in New York. He was rated as one of the top prep school prospects in the country in the 2011 class.

2 ▶ Brandon Pittman: LB, 6-2, 205

Pittman is a local product who committed to N.C. State in September of his junior year. He has been timed as fast as 4.54 seconds in the 40-yard dash.

3 ▶ Hakeem Flowers: WR, 6-2, 190

Flowers, from Wade Hampton High in Greenville, S.C., racked up more than 30 scholarship offers before picking the Wolfpack late.

4 ▶ Mike Rose: OL, 6-4, 215

Rose, from Simpsonville, S.C., has been timed in the mid-4.5s in the 40-yard dash and was regarded as one of the top sleepers in the Palmetto State.

5 ▶ Dave Mann: DE, 6-4, 215

Mann, from the metro Atlanta area, has a quick first step and a frame to carry the needed weight to play defensive end on the college level.

WAKE FOREST



ACC ATLANTIC

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 10 | Tanner Price (6-2, 205, So.) |
| FB | 42 | Tommy Bohanon (6-2, 245, Jr.) |
| RB | 25 | Josh Harris (5-10, 205, So.) |
| LOT | 69 | Dennis Godfrey (6-3, 350, Sr.) |
| LOG | 78 | Joe Looney (6-3, 320, Sr.) |
| C | 74 | Garrick Williams (6-4, 310, Jr.) |
| ROG | 75 | Michael Hoag (6-6, 295, Sr.) |
| ROT | 62 | Doug Weaver (6-8, 325, Sr.) |
| TE | 83 | Cameron Ford (6-4, 245, Sr.) |
| WR | 3 | Michael Campanaro (5-10, 190, Fr.) |
| WR | 2 | Chris Givens (6-0, 200, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|------|----|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 55 | Tristan Doryt (6-2, 255, Sr.) |
| NT | 50 | Nikita Whitlock (5-11, 260, So.) |
| RDT | 98 | Zach Thompson (6-5, 255, So.) |
| LOLB | 40 | Joey Ehrmann (6-4, 220, Jr.) |
| LILB | 32 | Scott Betros (6-1, 240, So.) |
| RILB | 45 | Riley Haynes (6-1, 220, Jr.) |
| ROLB | 97 | Kyle Wilber (6-5, 240, Sr.) |
| LCB | 9 | Kevin Johnson (6-0, 160, So.) |
| RCB | 6 | Kenny Okoro (6-0, 190, Jr.) |
| FS | 4 | Josh Bush (5-11, 205, Sr.) |
| SS | 5 | Cyhl Quarles (6-3, 210, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 82 | Jimmy Newman (6-2, 195, Jr.) |
| P | 24 | Alex Wulfeck (5-9, 170, So.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

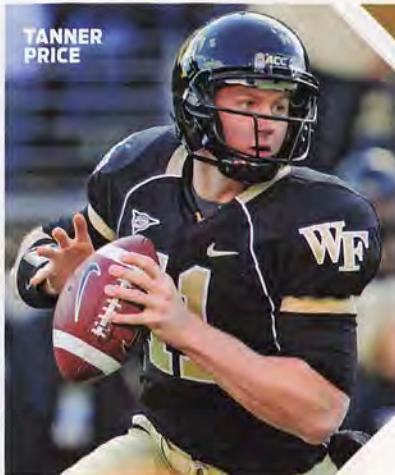
1 ▶ Sherman Ragland: ATH, 6-2, 190
Ragland, from Durham, N.C., projects best as a safety in college but also has potential at wide receiver. A four-star prospect, Ragland picked the Demon Deacons over South Carolina and N.C. State.

2 ▶ Allen Ramsey: CB, 5-11, 163
The Fort Lauderdale product was considered one of the better defensive backs coming out of Florida.

3 ▶ Josh Hunt: LB, 6-1, 205
The Deacons were able to keep Hunt, from Duncanville (Texas) High, in the fold after he pulled a temporary switch to North Texas late in the process. Wake signed RB Josh Harris out of Duncanville a couple of years ago.

4 ▶ Airyn Willis: ATH/QB, 6-2, 170
Willis, from High Point, N.C., was committed to Georgia Tech for most of the process before deciding to stay closer to home and play for Wake Forest.

5 ▶ Kevin Sousa: QB, 6-4, 220
Sousa, from Lake Nona High in the Orlando, Fla., area, has a big arm and great size. The Demon Deacons were able to pluck him off of Michigan's commit list after the Wolverines' coaching change.



DEMON DEACONS

Five years after it was the class of the ACC, Wake Forest got caught without sufficient production from the most indispensable class of all.

Down to four senior starters by the final game at Vanderbilt, the Deacons suffered through a nightmarish season during which they lost nine straight games and were pounded by more than 30 points five times.

Coach Jim Grobe, who directed the Deacons to the ACC title as recently as 2006, traced last year's problems back to that season's 15-player recruiting class, of which only eight played as redshirt seniors.

To get back into contention, Grobe says he needs two major developments in 2011.

"I think we'll be a much better football team," Grobe says. "But how much better is going to determined really by two things: how well our senior class plays and contributes—I'm not talking about being on the team, I'm talking about being key guys for us—and then how far the freshmen that played last year progress into their sophomore year."

Grobe felt compelled to play three first-year freshmen last season. One, Tanner Price, started nine games at quarterback. The other two, Kevin Johnson and A.J. Marshall, were starting at cornerback by the end of the season.

Price, who completed 56.8 percent of his passes for 1,349 yards and seven touchdowns, is expected to start this season. Both Johnson and Marshall will face stiff competition in a secondary that features four cornerbacks (Johnson, Marshall, Kenny Okoro and Dominique Tate) and four safeties (Josh Bush, Cyhl Quarles, Daniel Mack and Duran Lowe) who have started during their careers at Wake Forest.

The logjam at safety has Grobe contemplating moving Mack to linebacker this season.

The heaviest concentration of seniors is in the offensive line, a problem area in recent seasons. Success in 2011 will be dependent on how well tackles Dennis Godfrey and Doug Weaver and guards Joe Looney and Michael Hoag play in their final years.

If they do the job, then running back Josh Harris could have a breakout season as a redshirt sophomore. Harris proved with his 241 yards on 20 carries at Virginia Tech that he has the speed, size and ability to be special.

Faced with insufficient size and experience on the defensive line, Wake switched from a 4-3 defense to the 3-4 midway through last season. Kyle Wilber, a converted end who is the team's best playmaker, should benefit from the move. Grobe plans to leave Tristan Doryt at end, at least to start the season.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-----------------|------------|
| S.3 | @SYRACUSE | |
| S.10 | N.C. State | 3-38 |
| S.17 | Gardner-Webb | |
| O.1 | @BOSTON COLLEGE | 13-23 |
| O.8 | Florida State | 0-31 |
| O.15 | Virginia Tech | 21-52 |
| O.22 | @DUKE | 54-48 |
| O.29 | @NORTH CAROLINA | |
| N.5 | Notre Dame | 10-30 |
| N.12 | @CLEMSON | 14-62 |
| N.19 | Maryland | 34-13 |
| N.26 | Vanderbilt | |

COACH

Jim Grobe

11th year (62-60)

Career record: 95-93-1

Offensive coordinator:

Steve Lobotzke (9th year)

Defensive coordinators:

Tim Billings (1st year)

Brian Knorr (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 3-9 ACC: 1-7

Stadium: BB&T Field (31,500)

Tickets: 888-758-DEAC

Site: Winston-Salem, N.C.

Official athletic Web site:

www.wakeforestsports.com

GAME-CHANGER

Josh Harris, RB

Harris gained 241 yards last season at Virginia Tech behind a wobbly offensive line. An injury-free Harris and an improved line could rejuvenate a running game that hasn't really produced since Chris Barclay's senior season in 2005. Beleaguered quarterback Tanner Price would be grateful.



ACC COASTAL



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| 5.3 | Appalachian State | |
| 5.10 | @EAST CAROLINA | 49-27 |
| 5.17 | Arkansas State | |
| 5.24 | @MARSHALL | |
| 6.1 | Clemson | |
| 6.8 | Miami | 31-17 |
| 6.15 | @WAKE FOREST | 52-21 |
| 6.22 | Boston College | 19-0 |
| 6.29 | @DUKE | 44-7 |
| 7.10 | @GEORGIA TECH | 28-21 |
| 7.17 | North Carolina | 26-10 |
| 7.26 | @VIRGINIA | 37-7 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Frank Beamer

25th year (198-95-2)

Career record: 240-118-4

Offensive coordinator:

Bryan Stinespring (6th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Bud Foster (17th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 11-3 ACC: 8-0
(lost to Stanford in the Orange Bowl, 40-12)

Stadium: Lane Stadium (65,115)

Tickets: 540-231-6731

Site: Blacksburg, Va.

Official athletic Web site:

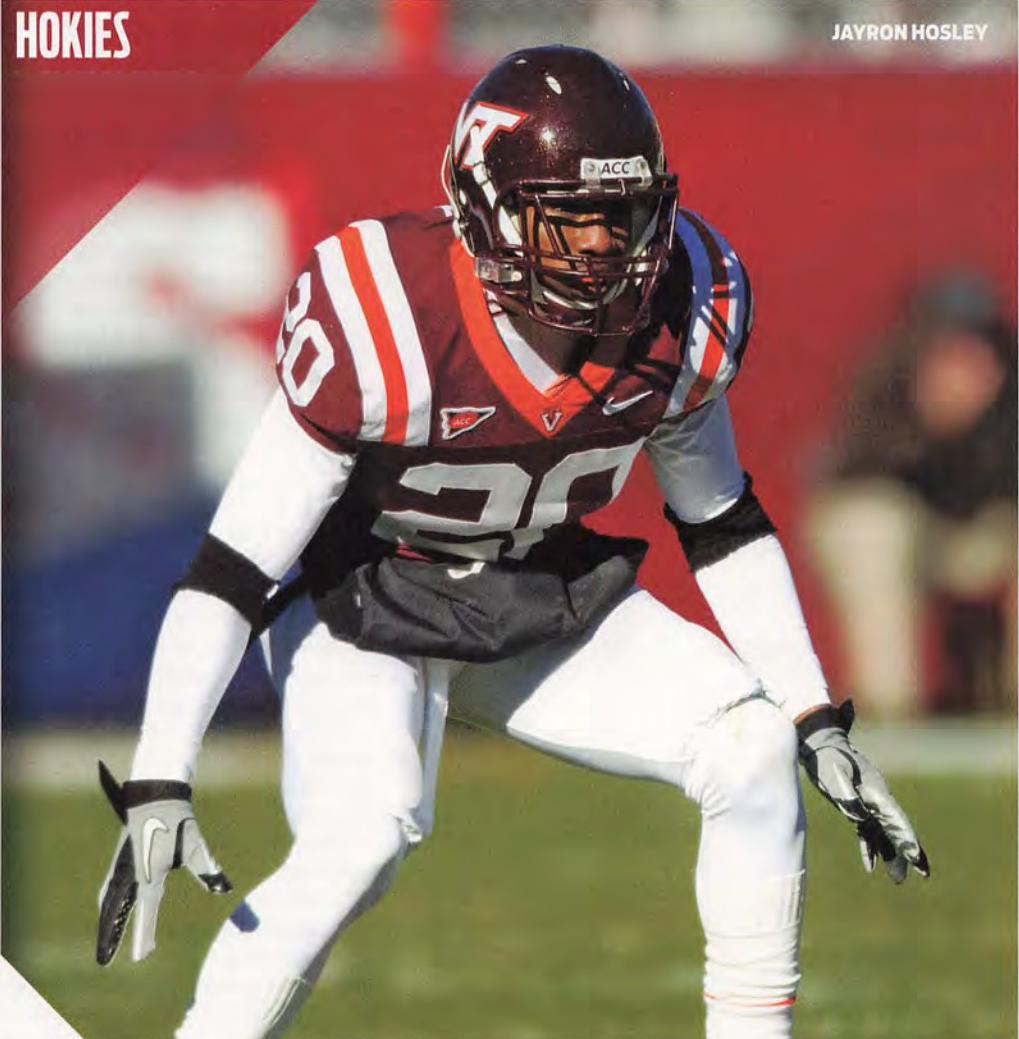
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VIRGINIA TECH



HOKIES

JAYRON HOSLEY



Just about any other team in the ACC would take a step backward if it suffered the personnel losses Virginia Tech did after last season. Quarterback Tyrod Taylor, the ACC Player of the Year as a senior in 2010, is gone. So are running backs Ryan Williams, who rushed for 2,132 yards in his first two years, and Darren Evans, who recorded 2,119 yards in two seasons.

Nonetheless, coach Frank Beamer has Virginia Tech's program so well established that the Hokies remain the favorite to win the ACC Coastal Division despite those seemingly devastating losses at key positions.

"Virginia Tech, we have a reputation of winning the ACC," says Hokies cornerback Jayron Hosley, who led the nation with nine interceptions last season. "I don't think it's supposed to change. We have a great group of guys coming up. We've got the experience. We still have that motivation. We still have the talent."

Since joining the ACC in 2004, the Hokies

have won four of the seven conference championships that have been awarded. Last season, Virginia Tech finished 11-3 overall and 9-0 against ACC opponents, capturing its third conference title in four years.

The program is as steady as its no-nonsense coach, and it possesses the talent to compensate even for the significant losses in the backfield from last season. At tailback, Virginia Tech returns junior David Wilson, who's yet another in a long line of dynamic players at the position.

Wilson averaged 5.5 yards per carry and rushed for 619 yards last season as a reserve and displayed his breakaway speed with two kickoff returns for touchdowns. He has the talent and athletic ability (he is a triple jumper, high jumper and sprinter on the Hokies' track team) to fill in just fine for Williams and Evans.

Sophomore quarterback Logan Thomas attempted just 26 passes last season and isn't as fast outside the pocket as Taylor. But at 6-6 and

245 pounds, Thomas is a supremely talented athlete who played some wide receiver last season and was a top-100 recruit out of high school.

"Logan has the cannon," Hosley says. "He puts the ball right on the money. He's very tall. He can see over the line, so he has good vision. He's a guy who can get out of the pocket and scramble."

If Thomas' performance matches his ability, the other pieces are in place for Virginia Tech's offense to remain productive after averaging an ACC-best 33.9 points per game last season. Jarrett Boykin and Danny Coale give the Hokies a pair of dangerous deep threats at wide receiver. The offensive line returns four senior starters, led by Blake DeChristopher, who has made 37 career starts.

Virginia Tech's defense also has the personnel to shine once again under coordinator Bud Foster. Bruce Taylor, who made 15.5 of his 91 tackles behind the line of scrimmage last season, is back to lead the linebackers. He'll be joined by 2009 standout Barquell Rivers, who missed last season with a ruptured tendon in his leg but looked strong again in the spring. Hosley and Kyle Fuller give the Hokies a couple of cornerbacks who can shut down the passing game on each side of the field.

"Kyle Fuller over there, I know he's going to be on top of it so that when they throw his way, he's going to make those plays and force them back my way," Hosley says. "It's kind of give-and-take. We complement each other."

Eddie Whitley, who made 80 tackles last season, returns at safety. Antone Exum tied for third on the team with nine pass deflections in 2010 and now steps into a full-time starting role at rover, so Virginia Tech's defensive backfield could be the best in the ACC.

The only question on defense is the line, where brothers Antoine and Derrick Hopkins are back at tackle but no real dominating player returns. However, Virginia Tech's coaches were confident enough in the depth on the line that they moved end Chris Drager to offense to play tight end.

Virginia Tech's kicking game will also be a concern, as last season's starting kicker (Chris Hazley) and punter (Brian Saunders) are gone. But if Beamer has demonstrated anything in his 24 years at Virginia Tech, it's that his special teams will be strong no matter who the specialists are.

With that in mind, it's difficult to envision a scenario in which the Hokies won't be the leading contender for the Coastal Division title.

"Every day we come out with a mentality that we are going to be the best," Hosley says, "and the coaches don't accept anything less, and as players we don't accept anything less."

RECRUITING REPORT

Due to Virginia's in-state recruiting success—and because the Hokies lost a few targets down the stretch—the perception was that Tech did not have a great 2011 class. However, there are multiple prospects with excellent potential. And like most Virginia Tech classes, the story of this one will not be told on paper. Pennsylvania cornerback Kyshoen Jarrett was committed to Pitt before the Panthers' coaching

change. He was one of the best at his position nationally. The same is true with defensive tackle Kris Harvey from Indiana. Ronny Vandyke (Lorton, Va.) is a 6-3, 200-pound safety with good athleticism. Wide receiver Demitri Knowles was one of the fastest prospects in the state of Virginia, and tight end Ryan Malleck was a big pickup from New Jersey.

—JC Shurburt, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-------------------------------------|
| QB | 3 | Logan Thomas (6-6, 245, So.) |
| | 12 | Ju-Ju Clayton (6-0, 215, Jr.) |
| FB | 45 | Joey Phillips (5-11, 218, Jr.) |
| | 39 | Martin Scales (6-0, 220, So.) |
| RB | 4 | David Wilson (5-11, 195, Jr.) |
| | 25 | Josh Oglesby (5-11, 207, Sr.) |
| LOT | 62 | Blake DeChristopher (6-5, 303, Sr.) |
| | 67 | Michael Via (6-6, 277, Jr.) |
| LOG | 68 | Jaymes Brooks (6-2, 300, Sr.) |
| | 63 | Laurence Gibson (6-4, 288, So.) |
| C | 74 | Andrew Miller (6-4, 275, So.) |
| | 67 | Michael Via (6-6, 277, Jr.) |
| ROG | 76 | David Wang (6-2, 290, So.) |
| | 59 | Courtney Prince (6-3, 270, Jr.) |
| ROT | 72 | Andrew Lanier (6-5, 274, Sr.) |
| | 54 | Nick Becton (6-5, 292, Jr.) |
| TE | 33 | Chris Drager (6-3, 239, Sr.) |
| | 86 | Eric Martin (6-2, 250, So.) |
| WR | 81 | Jarrett Boykin (6-2, 213, Sr.) |
| | 18 | D.J. Coles (6-3, 215, Jr.) |
| WR | 19 | Danny Coale (6-0, 205, Sr.) |
| | 7 | Marcus Davis (6-4, 231, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------------|
| LDE | 99 | James Gayle (6-5, 215, So.) |
| | 90 | Duan Perez-Means (6-4, 230, So.) |
| LDT | 56 | Antoine Hopkins (6-2, 295, Jr.) |
| | 53 | Dwight Tucker (6-2, 285, Jr.) |
| RDT | 98 | Derrick Hopkins (6-0, 284, So.) |
| | 93 | Kwamaine Battle (6-0, 283, Sr.) |
| RDE | 42 | J.R. Collins (6-4, 240, So.) |
| | 95 | Zack McCray (6-3, 238, So.) |
| SLB | 51 | Bruce Taylor (6-2, 251, Jr.) |
| | 58 | Jack Tyler (6-1, 228, So.) |
| MLB | 43 | Jeron Gouveia-Winslow (6-2, 206, Jr.) |
| | 28 | Alonzo Tweedy (6-2, 181, Jr.) |
| WLB | 52 | Barquell Rivers (6-0, 230, Jr.) |
| | 24 | Tariq Edwards (6-3, 212, So.) |
| LCB | 17 | Kyle Fuller (5-11, 175, So.) |
| | 9 | Cris Hill (5-11, 185, Sr.) |
| RCB | 17 | Jayron Hosley (5-11, 180, Jr.) |
| | 8 | Detrick Bonner (5-11, 183, Fr.) |
| ROV | 1 | Antone Exum (6-0, 190, So.) |
| | 23 | Lorenzo Williams (6-2, 212, Jr.) |
| S | 15 | Eddie Whitley (6-0, 187, Sr.) |
| | 40 | Theron Norman (6-3, 190, Fr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|-------------------------------|
| K | 89 | Cody Journell (6-0, 180, So.) |
| P | | Scott Demler (5-11, 184, Jr.) |

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2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | VATECH | OPP | TEAM STATISTICS | VATECH | OPP | |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------|
| SCORING | 474 | 288 | KICK RETURN AVG. | 22.7 | 24.4 | |
| Points Per Game | 33.9 | 20.6 | PUNT RETURN AVG. | 12.4 | 5.0 | |
| FIRST DOWNS | 289 | 244 | INT RETURN AVG. | 15.8 | 13.4 | |
| Rushing | 142 | 95 | FUMBLES-LOST | 20-8 | 24-9 | |
| Passing | 126 | 128 | PENALTIES-YARDS | 67-582 | 93-783 | |
| Penalty | 21 | 21 | Average Per Game | 41.6 | 55.9 | |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2782 | 2183 | PUNTS-YARDS | 61-2639 | 69-2833 | |
| Yards gained rushing | 3189 | 2529 | Average Per Punt | 43.3 | 41.1 | |
| Yards lost rushing | 407 | 346 | Net punt average | 38.3 | 36.4 | |
| Rushing Attempts | 570 | 465 | TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 31:56 | 28:03 | |
| Average Per Rush | 4.9 | 4.7 | 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 80/180 | 71/197 | |
| Average Per Game | 198.7 | 155.9 | 3rd-Down Pct. | 44% | 36% | |
| TDs Rushing | 30 | 18 | 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 5/12 | 12/24 | |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 2850 | 2878 | 4th-Down Pct. | 42% | 50% | |
| Att-Comp-Int | 343-200-5 | 429-224-23 | SACKS BY-YARDS | 34-206 | 34-212 | |
| Average Per Pass | 8.3 | 6.7 | MISC YARDS | 0 | 0 | |
| Average Per Catch | 14.3 | 12.8 | TDS SCORED | 59 | 37 | |
| Average Per Game | 203.6 | 205.6 | FG-ATTEMPTS | 21-22 | 10-16 | |
| TDs Passing | 24 | 19 | PAT-ATTEMPTS | 53-56 | 34-37 | |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 5632 | 5061 | ATTENDANCE | 463,631 | 200,501 | |
| Total Plays | 913 | 894 | Games/Avg Per Game | 7/66,233 | 4/50,125 | |
| Average Per Play | 6.2 | 5.7 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 402.3 | 361.5 | | | | |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 50-1136 | 60-1461 | | | | |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 21-261 | 25-125 | | | | |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 23-364 | 5-67 | | | | |
| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
| Virginia Tech | 85 | 153 | 132 | 104 | 0 | 474 |
| Opponent | 100 | 53 | 67 | 68 | 0 | 288 |

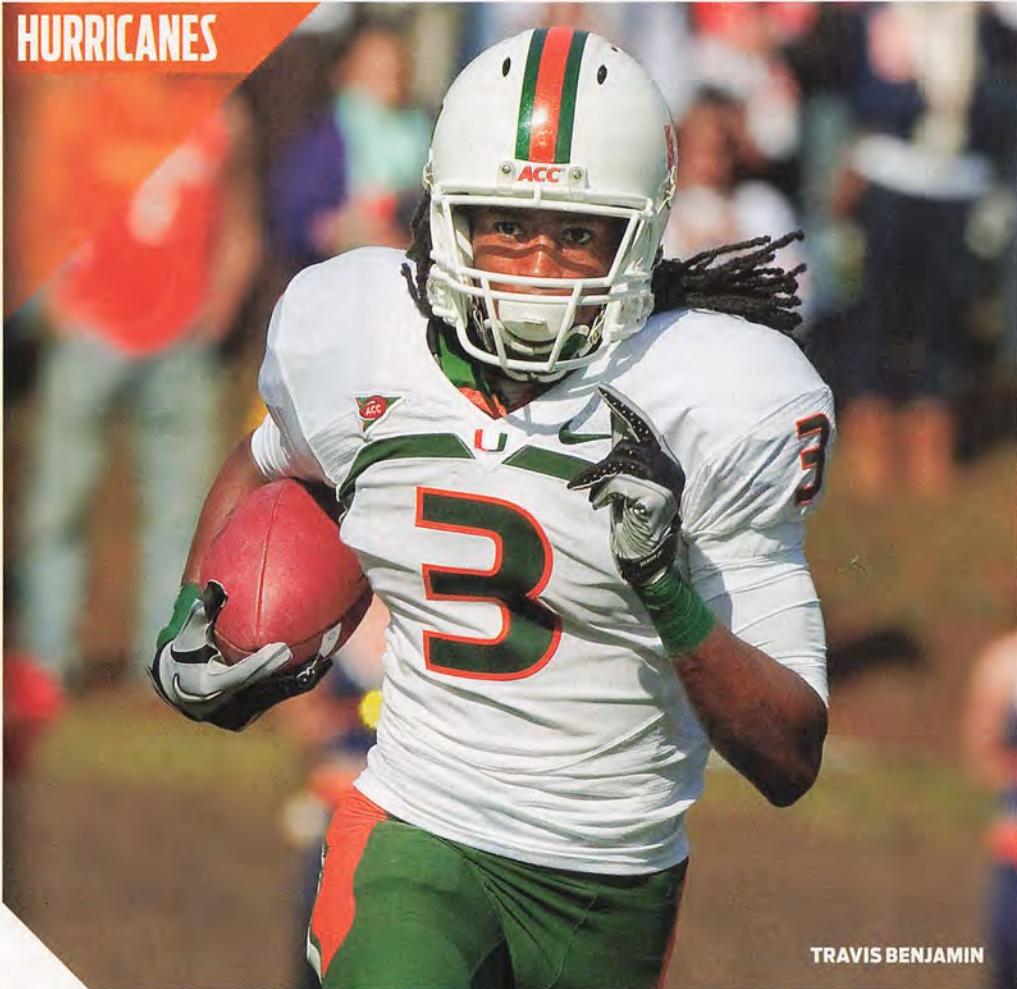
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ACC COASTAL



MIAMI

HURRICANES



TRAVIS BENJAMIN

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-----------------|------------|
| S.5 | @MARYLAND | 26-20 |
| S.17 | Ohio State | 24-36 |
| S.24 | Kansas State | |
| O.1 | Bethune-Cookman | |
| O.8 | @VIRGINIA TECH | 17-31 |
| O.15 | @NORTH CAROLINA | 33-10 |
| O.22 | Georgia Tech | 35-10 |
| O.27 | Virginia | 19-24 |
| N.5 | Duke | 28-13 |
| N.12 | @FLORIDA STATE | 17-45 |
| N.19 | @SOUTH FLORIDA | 20-23 |
| N.26 | Boston College | (OT) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Al Golden

1st year

Career record: 27-34

Offensive coordinator:

Jedd Fisch (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Mark D'Onofrio (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 7-6 ACC: 5-3

(lost to Notre Dame in the Sun Bowl, 33-17)

Stadium: Sun Life Stadium (76,500)

Tickets: 800-GO-CANES

Site: Coral Gables, Fla.

Official athletic Web site:

www.hurricanesports.com

After holding a spring scrimmage that was open to the public and attended by an estimated 3,500 fans at Spanish River High, first-year coach Al Golden stated the bottom line for Miami's football program.

"We're south Florida's team," Golden told reporters, "and we've got to get back to being south Florida's team."

The days are long gone when the Hurricanes were a national power that intimidated opponents from the moment they walked into the stadium. Golden took scrimmages out to fans in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties to re-establish local interest in the team.

Golden became a hot coaching commodity after going 17-8 over the last two seasons to improve his career record to 27-34 at Temple. However, the expectations at Temple weren't nearly as high as they will be at five-time national champion Miami. The Hurricanes' athletes are better, though.

It starts with senior quarterback Jacory Harris, who has a strong arm and fast feet but

is seen as one of the most perplexing players in college football.

Last season, Harris finished seventh in the ACC in passing yardage despite missing three games with a concussion. He threw for 14 touchdowns, but also had 15 interceptions.

Stephen Morris had similar problems while substituting for Harris. Morris passed for 1,240 yards and seven touchdowns with nine interceptions. Harris and Morris are competing for the starting job and that is expected to continue into fall camp.

In view of the quarterbacks' past struggles, stemming the flow of mistakes will be one of the most urgent objectives of the new coaching staff.

"Once everybody gets on the same page, like we're doing now, turnovers will be cut back," Harris told reporters after a turnover-free spring scrimmage.

Miami has plenty of tools on offense to help the quarterbacks, as Jedd Fisch takes over as coordinator and will install a pro-style scheme that won't be radically different from what the

Hurricanes ran under former coordinator Mark Whipple. Brandon Washington, a first-team All-ACC guard last season, and talented sophomore left tackle Seanrel Henderson lead an offensive line that returns four starters.

Two dependable wideouts return in Travis Benjamin, who averaged 17.3 yards per catch on 43 receptions last season, and LaRon Byrd (41 catches). Mike James, Storm Johnson and Lamar Miller appear to have the potential to be standouts at running back.

The defense will be a 4-3 base under new coordinator Mark D'Onofrio, but will have the flexibility to use a three-man front when needed against opponents that try to spread out the Hurricanes.

There appears to be plenty of talent up front. Miami led the nation in tackles behind the line of scrimmage last season with 8.85 per game. Three of the five Hurricanes who made at least 10 tackles for loss last season return: linebacker Sean Spence, tackle Marcus Forston and end Adewale Ojomo.

The defensive front is strong and deep with Forston and Micanor Regis back as starters at tackle and Olivier Vernon (6 sacks in 2010) returning at end. Spence, a second-team All-ACC selection who made 111 tackles last season, is expected to be the leader of the defense.

In the secondary, the safeties are strong with second-team All-ACC selection Ray-Ray Armstrong and Vaughn Telemaque returning. But cornerback might be the biggest position of concern because of the loss of 2010 senior Ryan Hill and Brandon Harris, who left early for the NFL draft.

Miami has moved former safety starter JoJo Nicolas to cornerback and hopes former nickel back Brandon McGee will step into a starting role at that position.

On special teams, the Hurricanes will have to find a way to replace one of the most valuable players of former coach Randy Shannon's tenure in Matt Bosher, who made first-team All-ACC as a kicker and punter in his career. Junior Jake Wieclaw and freshman Matt Goudis will compete for the kicking duties, while junior college transfer Dalton Botts or Wieclaw appear likely to handle the punting.

Golden talks about wanting to make Miami a better-conditioned and tougher team. The Hurricanes will need those traits in order to win against a schedule that includes a visit from Ohio State and a game at South Florida.

Reaching out in their own back yard will help win over the fans, but Miami has yet to even play in the conference championship game since joining the ACC in 2004. Golden is making a good first impression, but his predecessor, Shannon, learned that the school and its fans expect winning results—fast.

RECRUITING REPORT

First-year Hurricanes coach Al Golden and his staff did a nice job with this class. Defensive end Anthony Chickillo from Tampa is a U of M legacy and one of the top prospects at his position nationally. He stood out at the Under Armour All-American Game. The Hurricanes lured Miami-area cornerback Thomas Finnie away from South Carolina late in the process. Finnie enrolled early and made some noise during spring practice. Cornerback Dallas

Crawford (Fort Myers, Fla.) was committed to Michigan before the coaching change in Ann Arbor. The Hurricanes were also able to land defensive lineman Jalen Grimes late after the Nevada native de-committed from Southern Cal.

Athlete Kevin Grooms (Hollywood), defensive end Ricardo Williams (Homestead) and linebacker Denzel Perryman (Coral Gables) are Sunshine State prospects to watch.

—JC Shurburt, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 12 | Jacory Harris (6-4, 195, Sr.) |
| | 17 | Stephen Morris (6-2, 210, So.) |
| FB | 1 | Storm Johnson (6-0, 216, So.) |
| | 33 | Maurice Hagens (5-11, 240, So.) |
| RB | 6 | Lamar Miller (5-11, 212, So.) |
| | 5 | Mike James (5-11, 222, Jr.) |
| LOT | 77 | Seanrel Henderson (6-8, 345, So.) |
| | 79 | Malcolm Bunche (6-7, 328, Fr.) |
| LOG | 66 | Harland Gunn (6-2, 310, Sr.) |
| | 65 | Brandon Linder (6-6, 310, So.) |
| C | 63 | Tyler Horn (6-4, 305, Sr.) |
| | 62 | Shane McDermott (6-4, 280, Fr.) |
| ROG | 72 | Brandon Washington (6-4, 320, Jr.) |
| | 75 | Jared Wheeler (6-5, 315, So.) |
| ROT | 78 | Jermaine Johnson (6-6, 320, So.) |
| | 55 | Ben Jones (6-5, 310, Jr.) |
| TE | 86 | Blake Ayles (6-5, 265, Sr.) |
| | 43 | John Calhoun (6-3, 250, Jr.) |
| WR | 2 | LaRon Byrd (6-4, 220, Sr.) |
| | 8 | Tommy Streeter (6-5, 215, Jr.) |
| WR | 3 | Travis Benjamin (5-10, 175, Sr.) |
| | 80 | Allen Hurns (6-3, 185, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 35 | Olivier Vernon (6-4, 265, Jr.) |
| | 48 | Andrew Smith (6-3, 250, Sr.) |
| LDT | 99 | Marcus Forston (6-3, 300, Jr.) |
| | 93 | Luther Robinson (6-3, 295, So.) |
| RDT | 54 | Micanor Regis (6-3, 305, Sr.) |
| | 96 | Curtis Porter (6-1, 300, So.) |
| RDE | 97 | Adewale Ojomo (6-4, 270, Jr.) |
| | 56 | Marcus Robinson (6-1, 255, Sr.) |
| SLB | 45 | Ramon Buchanan (6-1, 222, Sr.) |
| | 41 | Travis Williams (6-3, 215, Fr.) |
| MLB | 59 | James Gaines (6-3, 220, So.) |
| | 58 | Jordan Futch (6-3, 235, Sr.) |
| WLB | 31 | Sean Spence (6-0, 224, Sr.) |
| | 58 | Jordan Futch (6-3, 235, Sr.) |
| LCB | 29 | JoJo Nicolas (6-1, 200, Sr.) |
| | 20 | Thomas Finnie (5-10, 170, Fr.) |
| RCB | 21 | Brandon McGee (6-0, 190, Jr.) |
| | 32 | Lee Chambers (5-10, 185, Sr.) |
| FS | 7 | Vaughn Telemaque (6-2, 200, Jr.) |
| | 28 | Andrew Swasey (5-10, 195, Jr.) |
| SS | 26 | Ray-Ray Armstrong (6-4, 215, Jr.) |
| | 23 | Eduardo Clements (5-9, 195, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 40 | Jake Wieclaw (6-2, 200, Jr.) |
| P | 40 | Jake Wieclaw (6-2, 200, Jr.) |

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|------------|-------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Jacory Harris | GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg/G |
| 10 | 116.6 | 270-148-15 | 54.8 | 1793 | 14 | 179.3 | |

RUSHING

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|------|-----|------|------|-------|
| Lamar Miller | GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
| 11 | 108 | 646 | 6.0 | 6 | 58.7 | |

RECEIVING

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|
| Travis Benjamin | GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
| 13 | 43 | 743 | 17.3 | 3 | 57.2 | |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| | | | | |
|-------------|----|------|--------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
| 13 | 59 | 52 | | 111 |

SACKS

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Olivier Vernon | GP | No. | Yards |
| 13 | 6.0 | | 50 |

INTERCEPTIONS

| | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| Ray-Ray Armstrong | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
| 3 | 41 | 13.7 | 1 | |

| | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| Vaughn Telemaque | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
| 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | |

RUSHING YARDAGE

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-------------|------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Att-Cmp-Int | Yds. | Avg/G |
| 10 | 270 | 148-15 | 1793 | 179.3 |

YARDS GAINED RUSHING

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-------------|------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Att-Cmp-Int | Yds. | Avg/G |
| 11 | 108 | 646 | 6.0 | 58.7 |

YARDS LOST RUSHING

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|-------------|-----|-------------|------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Att-Cmp-Int | Yds. | Avg/G |
| 11 | 108 | 646 | 6.0 | 58.7 |

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

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|-------------|-----|-------------|------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Att-Cmp-Int | Yds. | Avg/G |
| 11 | 108 | 646 | 6.0 | 58.7 |

AVERAGE PER RUSH

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|-------------|-----|-------------|------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Att-Cmp-Int | Yds. | Avg/G |
| 11 | 108 | 646 | 6.0 | 58.7 |

AVERAGE PER GAME

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|-------------|-------|-------------|------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Att-Cmp-Int | Yds. | Avg/G |
| 10 | 116.6 | 270-148-15 | 1793 | 179.3 |

PASSING YARDAGE

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|-------------|-------|-------------|------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Att-Cmp-Int | Yds. | Avg/G |
| 10 | 116.6 | 270-148-15 | 1793 | 179.3 |

YARDS LOST PASSING

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|-------------|-------|-------------|------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Att-Cmp-Int | Yds. | Avg/G |
| 10 | 116.6 | 270-148-15 | 1793 | 179.3 |

TOTAL OFFENSE

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|-------------|-------|-------------|------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Att-Cmp-Int | Yds. | Avg/G |
| 10 | 116.6 | 270-148-15 | 1793 | 179.3 |

KICK RETURNS: #-YDS

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|-------------|-------|-------------|------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Att-Cmp-Int | Yds. | Avg/G |
| 10 | 116.6 | 270-148-15 | 1793 | 179.3 |

PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS

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|-------------|-------|-------------|------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Att-Cmp-Int | Yds. | Avg/G |
| 10 | 116.6 | 270-148-15 | 1793 | 179.3 |

INT RETURNS: #-YDS

| | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-------------|------|-------|
| Sean Spence | GP | Att-Cmp-Int | Yds. | Avg/G |
| 10 | 116.6 | 270-148-15 | 1793 | 179.3 |

TEAM STATISTICS

| Team | Opp |
|------------------|------|
| KICK RETURN AVG. | 19.7 |

| Team | Opp |
|------------------|-----|
| PUNT RETURN AVG. | 4.5 |

| Team | Opp |
|-----------------|-----|
| INT RETURN AVG. | 9.7 |

| Team | Opp |
|--------------|-------|
| FUMBLER-LOST | 20-12 |

| Team | Opp |
|-----------------|---------|
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 107-909 |

| Team | Opp |
|------------------|------|
| AVERAGE PER GAME | 69.9 |

| Team | Opp |
|-------------|---------|
| PUNTS-YARDS | 59-2597 |

| Team | Opp |
|------------------|------|
| AVERAGE PER PUNT | 44.0 |

| Team | Opp |
|------------------|------|
| NET PUNT AVERAGE | 38.8 |

| Team | Opp |
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| TIME OF POSSESSION | 28:06 |

| Team | Opp |
|----------------|--------|
| 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 76/186 |

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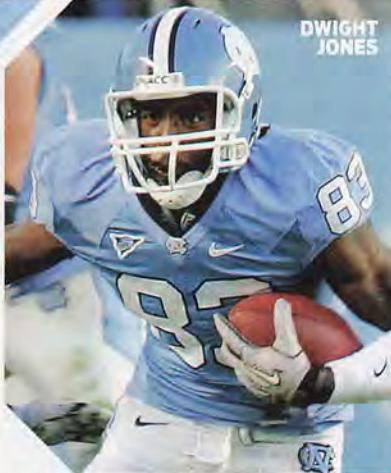
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NORTH CAROLINA

ACC COASTAL

TAR HEELS



For North Carolina, the 2011 season is about moving on.

In 2010, revelations of impermissible benefits and academic misconduct brought constant chaos as 14 players missed at least one game and seven were held out the entire season in connection with an NCAA investigation.

Nonetheless, the Tar Heels held it together and finished with an 8-5 record and a win over Tennessee in the Music City Bowl. Their next challenge, even as they await word about whether the program itself will be penalized, is to overcome the loss of five influential seniors on defense plus four-year starting quarterback T.J. Yates.

Coach Butch Davis says he doesn't know if there's another team in the ACC that has as many holes to plug.

"When you look at the number of guys that went to the (NFL Scouting) Combine, the number of guys that might potentially get drafted or sign as free agents, that's a huge void in this football program," Davis says. "But by the same token, I think we've recruited well. We have a lot of kids that played last year. But we've got to gain some experience."

Despite losing Yates, who holds 37 school records, North Carolina appears to be in good shape at quarterback with sophomore Bryn Renner. In the Tar Heels' spring scrimmage, Renner completed nine of 13 passes for 123 yards and one touchdown, displaying athletic ability and smart decision-making.

Veteran receivers Dwight Jones, Jheranie Boyd and Erik Highsmith give Renner plenty of talented targets. Senior Ryan Houston, a bruising, 245-pound running back, adds experience. And led by guard Jonathan Cooper and tackle James Hurst, North Carolina has its strongest offensive line yet under Davis, who's entering his fifth season.

"We want to be what the team leans on in the fourth quarter when we need a score," Hurst says, "and, obviously, the running game, that's our thing. That's our pride."

The defense is more of a question mark. Although the Tar Heels have a pair of dominating ends in Quinton Coples and Donte Paige-Moss, the back seven will be missing key players in 2010 seniors Bruce Carter, Quan Sturdivant, Kendric Burney, Deunta Williams and Da'Norris Searcy.

Kevin Reddick and Zach Brown at linebacker and Charles

Brown and Tre Boston in the secondary will be counted on to provide leadership now as the program returns to a semblance of normalcy after the roller coaster of 2010.

"Last year, we dealt with it great," Boston says. "This year, that stuff is still in the past. We're going to be a better team. We're going to play with who we have."

GAME-CHANGER
DWIGHT JONES, WR

Jones ranked fourth in the ACC in receiving yards last season with 946 on 62 receptions. A significant portion of North Carolina's offense will hinge on how well the senior connects with new starting quarterback Bryn Renner after the departure of 2010 senior T.J. Yates.

PROJECTED STARTERS

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 2 | Bryn Renner (6-3, 215, So.) |
| FB | 45 | Devon Ramsay (6-2, 250, Sr.) |
| RB | 32 | Ryan Houston (6-2, 245, Sr.) |
| LOT | 68 | James Hurst (6-7, 310, So.) |
| LOG | 64 | Jonathan Cooper (6-3, 310, Jr.) |
| C | 65 | Cam Holland (6-2, 320, Sr.) |
| ROG | 76 | Travis Bond (6-7, 340, Jr.) |
| ROT | 73 | Brennan Williams (6-7, 315, Jr.) |
| TE | 89 | Nelson Hurst (6-4, 260, Jr.) |
| WR | 87 | Jheranie Boyd (6-2, 190, Jr.) |
| WR | 83 | Dwight Jones (6-4, 225, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 90 | Quinton Coples (6-6, 285, Sr.) |
| LDT | 78 | Jordan Nix (6-3, 290, Sr.) |
| RDT | 91 | Tydrake Powell (6-3, 315, Sr.) |
| RDE | 98 | Donte Paige-Moss (6-4, 260, Jr.) |
| SLB | 23 | Darius Lipford (6-3, 230, So.) |
| MLB | 48 | Kevin Reddick (6-3, 240, Jr.) |
| WLB | 47 | Zach Brown (6-2, 230, Sr.) |
| LCB | 12 | Charles Brown (5-10, 205, Sr.) |
| RCB | 4 | Jabari Price (6-0, 190, So.) |
| FS | 10 | Tre Boston (6-1, 190, So.) |
| SS | 28 | Jonathan Smith (6-2, 210, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

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|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 11 | Casey Barth (5-11, 185, Sr.) |
| P | 30 | C.J. Feagles (6-0, 215, So.) |

Sporting News All-American

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | TO RESULT |
|------|----------------|-----------|
| 5.3 | James Madison | |
| 5.10 | Rutgers | 17-13 |
| 5.17 | Virginia | 44-10 |
| 5.24 | @GEORGIA TECH | 24-30 |
| 6.1 | @EAST CAROLINA | 42-17 |
| 6.8 | Louisville | |
| 6.15 | Miami (Fla.) | 10-33 |
| 6.22 | @CLEMSON | 21-16 |
| 6.29 | Wake Forest | |
| 7.5 | @N.C. STATE | 25-29 |
| 7.12 | @VIRGINIA TECH | 10-26 |
| 7.26 | Duke | 24-19 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



► RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Travis Hughes: LB, 6-1, 222

Hughes was a huge get out of Kempsville High in Virginia Beach (the talent-rich Tidewater area). He was a four-star prospect and Under Armour All-American.

2 ▶ Kiaro Holts: OT, 6-6, 275

Holts, from Warren Central in Indianapolis, continued the tradition of big-time offensive linemen from the Hoosier State heading to Chapel Hill. Holts was a four-star prospect and an Under Armour All-American.

3 ▶ T.J. Thorpe: WR, 6-0, 180

Good speed, route-running ability, quickness and hands are all trademarks of Thorpe, one of the top all-around athletes coming out of the state of North Carolina.

4 ▶ Sylvester Williams: DT, 6-3, 300

The Tar Heels signed Williams out of Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College. He enrolled in December and made some noise for North Carolina in spring practice. Williams is a big space-eater with good athleticism.

5 ▶ Alex Dixon: CB, 6-1, 180

Dixon, a four-star prospect, has a rare size/speed combination.

VIRGINIA

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CAVALIERS

ACC COASTAL

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 15 | Ross Metheny (6-2, 200, So.) |
| FB | 36 | Max Milien (6-0, 215, Sr.) |
| RB | 33 | Perry Jones (5-8, 185, Jr.) |
| LOT | 72 | Oday Aboushi (6-6, 295, Jr.) |
| LOG | 63 | Austin Pasztor (6-7, 320, Sr.) |
| C | 68 | Anthony Mihota (6-4, 280, Sr.) |
| ROG | 70 | Luke Bowanko (6-6, 285, Fr.) |
| ROT | 78 | Morgan Moses (6-6, 350, So.) |
| TE | 89 | Colter Phillips (6-6, 250, Jr.) |
| WR | 20 | Tim Smith (6-0, 185, So.) |
| WR | 18 | Kris Burd (5-11, 195, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 90 | Jake Snyder (6-4, 255, So.) |
| LDT | 94 | Matt Conrath (6-7, 270, Sr.) |
| RDT | 96 | Nick Jenkins (6-3, 275, Sr.) |
| RDE | 56 | Cam Johnson (6-4, 265, Sr.) |
| SLB | 52 | Aaron Tallaferro (6-2, 225, Sr.) |
| MLB | 53 | Steve Greer (6-2, 230, Jr.) |
| WLB | 9 | LaRoy Reynolds (6-2, 220, So.) |
| LCB | 27 | Rijo Walker (5-10, 185, Fr.) |
| RCB | 13 | Chase Minnifield (6-0, 185, Sr.) |
| FS | 7 | Corey Mosley (5-10, 205, Sr.) |
| SS | 4 | Rodney McLeod (5-10, 180, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| K | 3 | Robert Randolph (5-10, 165, Sr.) |
| P | 8 | Jimmy Howell (6-6, 240, Sr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 Demetrious Nicholson: CB, 5-10, 170

Nicholson, the nation's top cornerback prospect, picked the Cavaliers late in the process, giving Mike London a huge get from the Tidewater area. Nicholson, a four-star prospect and Under Armour All-American, is fearless and has great recovery speed.

2 Clifton Richardson: RB, 6-1, 220

Richardson, a four-star prospect, has excellent feet and vision for his size. He was a big early commit for the Cavaliers out of Newport News, Va. Physically, Richardson is ready to contribute early.

3 Darius Jennings: WR/ATH, 5-11, 180

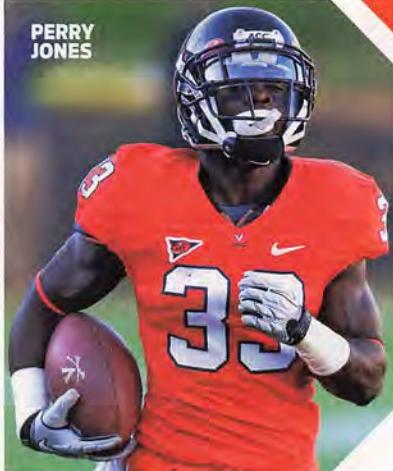
One of the top prospects in Maryland (and fastest with a sub-4.4 40), Jennings was a huge out-of-state pickup for the Cavaliers late in the recruiting cycle.

4 Brandon Phelps: S, 6-0, 175

Phelps, from Damascus, Md., has excellent speed and athleticism, and was a four-star prospect.

5 Dominique Terrell: ATH, 5-11, 175

The Cavaliers landed Terrell on National Signing Day, capping off a top-25 class with the talented, four-star in-state prospect.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-----------------|------------|
| 5.3 | William & Mary | |
| 5.10 | @INDIANA | |
| 5.17 | @NORTH CAROLINA | 10-44 |
| 5.24 | Southern Miss | |
| 6.1 | Idaho | 21-33 |
| 6.15 | Georgia Tech | |
| 6.22 | N.C. State | 24-19 |
| 6.27 | @MIAMI (Fla.) | 23-42 |
| 7.5 | @MARYLAND | |
| 7.12 | Duke | 48-55 |
| 7.19 | @FLORIDA STATE | 14-34 |
| 7.26 | Virginia Tech | 7-37 |

COACH

Mike London

2nd year (4-8)

Career record: 4-8 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

Bill Lazor (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Jim Reid (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 4-8 ACC: 1-7

Stadium: Scott Stadium (61,500)

Tickets: 800-542-UVA1

Site: Charlottesville

Official athletic Web site:

www.virginiaspports.com

Virginia has come a long way in the past year under coach Mike London, according to senior cornerback Chase Minnifield.

A year ago, the Cavaliers were adjusting as London installed a 4-3 defense for players who had run a 3-4 under the previous coach, Al Groh.

"Last year we were getting used to the schemes and we had a little trouble, a little confusion all around," Minnifield says. "Just switching from the 3-4 to the 4-3 was more difficult than we expected. ... It's [now] leaps and bounds ahead of where we were last year at this point."

In the first season under London, Virginia improved by one win overall to 4-8. But in a scheme designed to put more beef up front, the Cavaliers nonetheless were brutal defending the run.

Nobody in the ACC gave up more yards per carry (5.1) or rushing touchdowns (28) than the Cavaliers. But the hope is that with a year to adjust to London's system and eight returning defensive starters, Virginia will improve in that area.

Tackles Matt Conrath and Nick Jenkins have 61 career starts between them, and Minnifield leads an experienced secondary after finishing among the nation's leaders with six interceptions last season.

On offense, four returning linemen will be the cornerstone of an attack that has become more physical under London after working primarily out of the spread late in Groh's tenure. Running back Perry Jones, who rushed for 646 yards last season, is likely to shoulder increased responsibility as the Cavaliers break in a new quarterback.

Sophomore signal-callers Michael Rocco and Ross Metheny had the edge over redshirt freshman Michael Strauss and true freshman David Watford after spring practice. But injuries to wide receivers prevented the staff from getting a good look at the quarterbacks in the spring, so the competition will continue in fall camp.

Whoever gets the job has Kris Burd, who ranked fifth last season in the ACC with 58 receptions, ready as the primary target at wide receiver. Virginia also has senior starters returning in Jimmy Howell at punter and Robert Randolph at placekicker, and Chris Hinkebein is back to take the kickoffs and long field goals, if necessary.

With so much experience, the Cavaliers have a shot at more improvement if they can find a quarterback to produce under London, who has quickly won his players' respect.

"Every day he's bringing the energy, not just for himself but for the whole team," says Minnifield of London. "He's just like a light bulb out there. If everybody's down, he's going to bring us up."

GAME-CHANGER

Kris Burd, WR

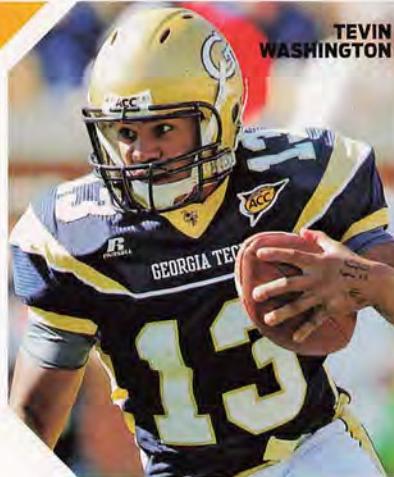
Burd is a shifty, 5-11, 195-pound senior who caught 58 passes for 799 yards and five touchdowns last season. If the Cavaliers can find a quarterback who can get him the ball, Burd is capable of having a 1,000-yard season.

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ACC COASTAL

GEORGIA TECH

YELLOW JACKETS



The merging of Paul Johnson's unorthodox offense with former Virginia coach Al Groh's 3-4 defense was supposed to be a lethal combination for opponents after Georgia Tech won the 2009 ACC title.

It hasn't turned out that way so far. In the final four games of 2010, quarterback Josh Nesbitt's broken arm took some of the flex out of Tech's flexbone offense, which produced 7.8 points per game fewer than a year earlier.

The 3-4 didn't confuse many opponents, as Georgia Tech gave up about the same number of points as the season before. As a result, the Yellow Jackets slumped, dropping five of their last six games to finish 6-7.

"Last season was certainly a disappointment to the fans, the people around the program, and us as well," Johnson says.

The key to the flexbone is how well the quarterback runs the triple option. After Nesbitt was injured last season, Tevin Washington demonstrated that he could do the job, averaging 105 rushing yards in four starts. He will enter the fall as the leader at the position but could be pushed by redshirt freshman Synjin Days or highly recruited true freshman Vad Lee in the fall.

At A-Back, Georgia Tech returns Roddy Jones, Orwin Smith, Embry Peebles and B.J. Bostic, who combined for 1,283 rushing yards and 7.8 yards per carry last season. Three starters, including second-team All-ACC selection Omoregie Uzzi, are back on the offensive line. And the wideout corps has junior Stephen Hill back as a competent deep threat.

The Yellow Jackets seem likely to get better on defense because they couldn't get much worse. They have all three starters returning on the line, and although they lose four starters in the secondary, there is confidence on the staff that young, talented players are ready to step in.

Linebacker is a question mark, though. Georgia Tech returns leading tackler Julian Burnett but needs to get better quickly at this position.

Johnson is getting more involved personally with the special teams, breaking in a new punter and kicker and hoping to coax more yards out of a return game that was below average in the ACC last season. He also is preaching better ball security after the Jackets lost 20 fumbles last season, by far the highest total in the ACC.

"We just self-destructed," Johnson recalls. "If we didn't turn the ball over, we would have won three or four more games. I think we have to understand the urgency of taking care of the ball and getting some turnovers on the flip side."

If they do that, the marriage of the flexbone and the 3-4 might yield better results.

GAME-CHANGER

ORWIN SMITH, RB

The junior A-Back averaged an impressive 9.7 yards per carry while rushing for 516 yards last season. He also is one of the team's better pass catchers, with 12 receptions for 195 yards in 2010. The Yellow Jackets need Smith to have a breakout season on a team that lacks star power.

TEVIN WASHINGTON

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 13 | Tevin Washington (6-0, 205, So.) |
| FB | 27 | Preston Lyons (5-11, 211, Jr.) |
| RB | 20 | Roddy Jones (5-9, 202, Jr.) |
| RB | 17 | Orwin Smith (6-0, 202, So.) |
| LOT | 61 | Phil Smith (6-5, 287, So.) |
| LOG | 52 | Will Jackson (6-4, 285, Fr.) |
| C | 50 | Jay Finch (6-3, 283, Fr.) |
| ROG | 77 | Omoregie Uzzi (6-3, 300, So.) |
| ROT | 55 | Ray Beno (6-2, 290, Fr.) |
| WR | 84 | Tyler Melton (6-0, 205, Jr.) |
| WR | 5 | Stephen Hill (6-5, 200, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| DE | 92 | Jason Peters (6-4, 271, Jr.) |
| NT | 96 | Logan Walls (6-2, 295, Jr.) |
| DE | 94 | Izaan Cross (6-3, 292, So.) |
| OLB | 34 | Steven Sylvester (6-2, 238, Jr.) |
| ILB | 45 | Jeremiah Attaochu (6-3, 228, Fr.) |
| ILB | 58 | B.J. Machen (6-0, 236, So.) |
| OLB | 40 | Julian Burnett (5-10, 222, So.) |
| LCB | 16 | Louis Young (6-0, 187, Fr.) |
| RCB | 6 | Rod Sweeting (6-0, 181, So.) |
| FS | 39 | Fred Holton (6-1, 200, Fr.) |
| SS | 1 | Isaiah Johnson (6-2, 195, Fr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|-------------------------------|
| K | 86 | Justin Moore (5-10, 160, Fr.) |
| P | 81 | Sean Poole (6-1, 161, Fr.) |

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-----------------------|------------|
| 5.1 | Western Carolina | |
| 5.10 | @MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST. | 42-14 |
| 5.17 | Kansas | 25-28 |
| 5.24 | North Carolina | 30-24 |
| 6.1 | @N.C. STATE | 28-45 |
| 6.8 | Maryland | |
| 6.15 | @VIRGINIA | 33-21 |
| 6.22 | @MIAMI (Fla.) | 10-35 |
| 6.29 | Clemson | 13-27 |
| 7.10 | Virginia Tech | 21-28 |
| 7.19 | @DUKE | 30-20 |
| 7.26 | Georgia | 34-42 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Paul Johnson

4th year (26-14)

Career record: 133-53

Offensive coordinator:

Paul Johnson (4th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Al Groh (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 6-7 ACC: 4-4

(lost to Air Force in the Independence Bowl, 14-7)

Stadium: Bobby Dodd Stadium (55,000)

Tickets: 888-TECH-TIX

Site: Atlanta

Official athletic Web site:

www.ramblinwreck.com

► RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ► Jabari Hunt-Days: LB, 6-3, 235

Hunt-Days, a four-star prospect from Powder Springs, Ga., has a good combination of size and speed.

2 ► Vad Lee: QB, 6-2, 200

Lee, from Durham, N.C., is a great fit for the Tech offense. A dynamic playmaker in the running game, he can also make big plays downfield with his arm.

3 ► Chris Milton: ATH, 6-0, 175

Georgia Tech beat out a number of other programs to keep Milton in-state. He is a versatile, talented athlete who could contribute on either side of the ball.

4 ► Errin Joe: G, 6-2, 270

Joe has plus athleticism for an offensive lineman and fits in well with what Tech does on offense. The Jackets topped dozens of programs for the Floridian.

5 ► Tremayne McNair: LB, 6-2, 220

Georgia Tech did well in the state of North Carolina for the 2011 class, and landing McNair out of White Oak High in Jacksonville, N.C., was a big part of that.

DUKE

BLUE DEVILS

ACC COASTAL

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 19 | Sean Renfree (6-5, 225, Jr.) |
| RB | 33 | Desmond Scott (5-9, 185, Jr.) |
| LOT | 79 | Kyle Hill (6-6, 290, Sr.) |
| LOG | 74 | Dave Harding (6-4, 285, So.) |
| C | 68 | Brian Moore (6-2, 275, Jr.) |
| ROG | 70 | John Coleman (6-4, 285, So.) |
| ROT | 72 | Perry Simmons (6-5, 300, So.) |
| TE | 81 | Cooper Helfet (6-4, 235, Sr.) |
| WR | 26 | Donovan Varner (5-9, 175, Sr.) |
| WR | 2 | Conner Vernon (6-2, 195, Jr.) |
| WR | 5 | Brandon Braxton (6-1, 200, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 84 | Kenny Anunike (6-5, 250, Jr.) |
| NG | 93 | Charlie Hatcher (6-3, 300, Sr.) |
| DT | 82 | Sydney Sarmiento (6-4, 285, So.) |
| RDE | 92 | Justin Foxx (6-3, 235, So.) |
| LB | 59 | Kelby Brown (6-2, 210, So.) |
| LB | 50 | Tyree Glover (6-1, 255, Jr.) |
| LCB | 6 | Ross Cockrell (6-0, 175, So.) |
| RCB | 24 | Garrett Patterson (6-0, 190, So.) |
| S | 29 | Lee Butler (5-11, 180, Sr.) |
| S | 40 | Matt Daniels (6-1, 205, Sr.) |
| S | 32 | August Campbell (6-3, 220, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|
| K | 96 | Will Snyderwine (5-11, 190, Sr.) |
| P | 36 | Alex King (6-1, 215, Sr.) |

Sporting News All-American

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

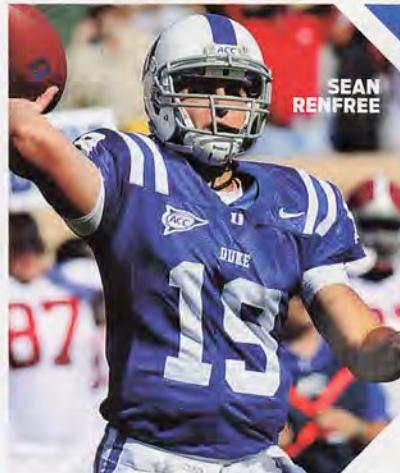
1 ▶ Cody Robinson: G, 6-2, 305
Robinson, a huge road-grinding lineman, was considered one of the 25 best prospects in Tennessee.

2 ▶ Lucas Patrick: G, 6-3, 280
Like Robinson, Patrick also hails from the state of Tennessee (Brentwood High in suburban Nashville). Patrick has a nasty streak and above-average athleticism for an interior line prospect.

3 ▶ Tim Burton: CB/WR, 5-9, 165
Burton, from Cardinal Gibbons High in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has outstanding speed, timing consistently below 4.4 seconds in the 40-yard dash.

4 ▶ David Reeves: OT, 6-6, 250
Reeves, from Greensboro (Ala.) West High, could be the steal of this class. He has an outstanding frame and excellent athleticism for a prospect his size.

5 ▶ Jon Woodruff: LB, 6-4, 205
Woodruff is a tall, rangy linebacker from Westlake High in Waldorf, Md. Woodruff had 10 sacks and was an All-State selection as a high school senior.



SEAN RENFREE



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------------|------------|
| 5.3 | Richmond | |
| 5.10 | Stanford | |
| 5.17 | @BOSTON COLLEGE | 16-21 |
| 5.24 | Tulane | |
| 6.1 | @FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL | |
| 6.15 | Florida State | |
| 6.22 | Wake Forest | 48-54 |
| 6.29 | Virginia Tech | 7-44 |
| 7.5 | @MIAMI (Fla.) | 13-28 |
| 7.12 | @VIRGINIA | 55-48 |
| 7.19 | Georgia Tech | 20-30 |
| 7.26 | @NORTH CAROLINA | 19-24 |

COACH

David Cutcliffe

4th year (12-24)

Career record: 56-53

Offensive coordinator:

Matt Luke (4th year) and Kurt Roper (4th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Jim Knowles (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 3-9 ACC: 1-7

Stadium: Wallace Wade Stadium (33,941)

Tickets: 877-375-DUKE

Site: Durham, N.C.

Official athletic Web site:

www.goduke.com

Coach David Cutcliffe believes Duke has enough talented skill players on offense and defense to be successful in the ACC.

But for years, a lack of strength and depth on the offensive and defensive lines has been such a problem for the Blue Devils that Cutcliffe planned to focus much of his attention during spring practice on line play.

For the first time in his tenure, Cutcliffe says, Duke has enough quality athletes on the offensive line to create serious competition for lineup spots. Sophomore guard Dave Harding and senior tackle Kyle Hill, who were teammates at Boone High in Orlando, Fla., and return as starters for the Blue Devils, have a chance to help the unit take a step forward.

On defense, meanwhile, Duke needs significant improvement from its front seven. The Blue Devils gave up 450.1 yards per game—the most in the ACC by far—in route to a 3-9 record last season.

"If we can't stop the run and hold up, up front ... it's very difficult to play quality defense," Cutcliffe says. "That's been the biggest challenge."

Duke will try to apply more pressure—not necessarily with blitzes but with tighter coverage in the secondary—to help the defensive front hold up.

The Blue Devils have senior returning starters at safety in Matt Daniels and Lee Butler to help facilitate that tight coverage. Down in the trenches, senior nose guard Charlie Hatcher and promising sophomore tackle Sydney Sarmiento are returning starters who will try to hold up their end of the bargain.

Cutcliffe's appraisal of his skill players appears to be sound. Whether it was Peyton Manning at Tennessee, Eli Manning at Ole Miss or Thaddeus Lewis at Duke, quarterbacks have thrived under Cutcliffe, and junior Sean Renfree has been no exception.

Renfree passed for 3,131 yards and 14 touchdowns last season, and his interceptions (17) seem likely to decrease now that he has experience as a second-year starter. Cutcliffe says Renfree had an "awesome" spring, but he'll share the job with run-pass threat Brandon Connette (and perhaps for a few snaps even with 240-pound redshirt freshman Anthony Boone), as Duke has lots of depth at the position.

Second-team All-ACC selection Conner Vernon and Donovan Varner lead a talented group of wide receivers that should keep the passing game humming as long as the quarterbacks put the ball in the right place.

Shifty junior Desmond Scott, one of the most highly sought recruits landed by Cutcliffe during his time in Durham, also returns at running back to bring some balance to the offense.

But all that skill could be wasted if the Blue Devils get overwhelmed at the line of scrimmage.

GAME-CHANGER

Conner Vernon, WR

Vernon led the ACC in receptions per game last season, catching 73 passes for 973 yards and four touchdowns. A Miami native, the junior wideout possesses sure hands that have allowed him to amass 1,719 career receiving yards with two seasons remaining.

BIG EAST

CONFERENCE

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

STOCK REPORT UP DOWN STEADY
BOWL PROJECTIONS

- 1** ➡ WEST VIRGINIA
Sugar Bowl
- 2** ▲ SOUTH FLORIDA
Pinstripe Bowl
- 3** ▼ PITTSBURGH
Champs Sports Bowl
- 4** ➡ CINCINNATI
Belk Bowl
- 5** ▲ LOUISVILLE
BBVA Compass Bowl
- 6** ▲ SYRACUSE
Beef O'Brady's Bowl
- 7** ▼ CONNECTICUT
- 8** ➡ RUTGERS

TRENDING

- 1** With five teams in their first or second year under a new coach and West Virginia transitioning, expect even more parity as players adjust to new schemes.
- 2** With the league uncharacteristically lacking big-time tailbacks, look for some of the nation's top talent to turn to the Big East and for coaches to pursue them aggressively.
- 3** Though the Big East accounted for three first-round NFL picks in 2010, the conference had just one in 2011. That's a trend that could continue in 2012 barring early entries.



B.J. DANIELS

Don't look to Big East for continuity, as its coaches and quarterbacks come and go

By Pete Williams correspondent

Anyone searching for continuity at the coaching or quarterback positions in college football should look anywhere but the Big East, where conditions change faster than the weather in San Francisco.

With the exception of Greg Schiano, who has resisted the siren call of more prominent programs to stay at Rutgers for 11 years, no current Big East head coach has completed more than three seasons at the helm.

Like Bobby Petrino, Rich Rodriguez and Brian Kelly before him, Connecticut's Randy Edsall built a strong résumé in the Big East only to depart for a more high-profile gig (or at least a higher-paying one), taking over at the University of Maryland.

When Bill Stewart steps down at West Virginia as planned at the end of the season following a four-year run, Syracuse's Doug Marrone will move into second place on the tenure list—after just three seasons. Pittsburgh employed three head coaches last December alone.

Yet Big East coaches look like lifers compared to the league's quarterbacks, who struggle to establish a foothold amid so many scheme changes. A year ago, Tom Savage was the only signal-caller entering the season as an incumbent starter and looked like a four-year man after a stellar freshman season under Schiano. Instead, he lost his job

at Rutgers, and eventually transferred. This season, South Florida's B.J. Daniels begins the year with 22 starts, but even his job is not totally secure after a horrible spring game.

Dynasties? Only West Virginia can lay claim to perennial-powerhouse status, and even the Mountaineers have taken a step back since the scorched-earth departure of Rodriguez for Michigan. With the exception of Syracuse, which is now coming on strong, every team has contended for the conference title since 2006.

Such turnover creates parity and wild games for a league that has a captive national television audience on Thursday and Friday nights. It also provides hope for fans seeking a quick turnaround. Syracuse has gone from turn-of-the-century contender to league doormat and back, a route Louisville is now following under Charlie Strong.

That lack of continuity provides fodder for detractors, who still scoff at the league's inclusion in the BCS. It hasn't helped that the Big East representative has lost three straight BCS bowl games by increasing margins.

Perhaps that will change when TCU joins the league in 2012. Until then, expect the conference's regular season and offseason to be wildly unpredictable—and very entertaining.

RATING THE PLAYERS

► FASTEST RECEIVER

Lindsey Lamar, South Florida

Best known as a kickoff return man, he's also a burner down the sidelines on offense.

► BEST HANDS

Mohamed Sanu, WR, Rutgers

Physically gifted player already considered among the Big East's top NFL prospects.

► BEST PASSING QB

Zach Collaros, Cincinnati

Tough call over West Virginia's Geno Smith, but Collaros has emerged as a weapon out of the pocket.

► BEST RUNNING QB

B.J. Daniels, South Florida

Dual threat rushed for 772 yards in 2009 and racked up 107 against Florida last season.

► MOST ELUSIVE RB

Isaiah Pead, Cincinnati

Has led the league in yards per carry in each of the last two seasons.

► BEST INSTINCTS

Chandler Jones, DE, Syracuse

It runs in the family. Brother Arthur is in the NFL (Ravens) and brother Jon is a top UFC fighter.

► BEST ATHLETE

Derrick Hopkins, WR, South Florida

Just 5-5 and a backup wide receiver, Hopkins won the Big East 60-meter dash indoor title with a time of 6.77 and also won the 200 meters.

► BEST UNDER PRESSURE

Dave Teggart, K, Connecticut

Has developed a reputation as the player opponents least want to see with the game on the line.

► TOP NFL PROSPECT

Brandon Lindsey, DE, Pitt

Has a good motor and versatility to play in 4-3 or 3-4 schemes.

► TOP IMPACT FROSH

Savon Huggins, RB, Rutgers

Greg Schiano landed a five-star, in-state recruit over 70 other schools and could put him to work immediately.

► HARDEST HITTER

Khaseem Greene, OLB, Rutgers

Made devastating impact as a free safety. Might be even scarier from his new position at weakside linebacker.

► BIGGEST OVERACHIEVER

Will Stein, QB, Louisville

Perhaps generously listed at 5-10, the former walk-on is now the likely starter for the Cardinals.

► BEST INTERVIEW

Skip Holtz, USF

Just as gregarious and motivational as his father—without the cranky side.

► BEST COACH

Greg Schiano, Rutgers

By far the longest-tenured coach in the conference, Schiano made five straight bowl appearances between 2005 and 2009.

► BEST RECRUITER

Charlie Strong, Louisville

Has not missed a beat on the recruiting path moving from after moving from Gainesville (where he was defensive coordinator at Florida) to Louisville.

► BEST ROAD TRIP

Tampa

This city offers fun, warmth and the chance to play on an NFL surface consistently rated the best by the pros. Other than playing a tough USF team, what's not to like?

ALL-BIG EAST

OFFENSE

| | |
|----|-------------------------------------|
| QB | Zach Collaros, Sr., Cincinnati |
| RB | Isaiah Pead, Sr., Cincinnati |
| RB | Ray Graham, Jr., Pittsburgh |
| OL | Don Barclay, Sr., West Virginia |
| OL | Jeremiah Warren, Sr., South Florida |
| OL | Justin Pugh, Jr., Syracuse |
| OL | Mike Ryan, Sr., Connecticut |
| OL | Moe Petrus, Sr., Connecticut |
| TE | Josh Chichester, Sr., Louisville |
| WR | D.J. Woods, Sr., Cincinnati |
| WR | Tavon Austin, Jr., West Virginia |

DEFENSE

| | |
|----|------------------------------------|
| DL | Chandler Jones, Sr., Syracuse |
| DL | Bruce Irvin, Sr., West Virginia |
| DL | Brandon Lindsey, Sr., Pittsburgh |
| DL | Kendall Reyes, Sr., Connecticut |
| LB | J.K. Schaffer, Sr., Cincinnati |
| LB | Sio Moore, Jr., Connecticut |
| LB | Sam Barrington, Jr., South Florida |
| DB | Keith Tandy, Sr., West Virginia |
| DB | Phillip Thomas, Jr., Syracuse |
| DB | Hakeem Smith, So., Louisville |
| DB | Jarred Holley, Jr., Pittsburgh |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|---|---|
| K | Dave Teggart, Sr., Connecticut |
| P | Justin Brockhaus-Kann, Jr., South Florida |

STRONG



LOUISVILLE

ASCENDING

LOUISVILLE

► Charlie Strong built his recruiting reputation in Gainesville and he's stocking his roster with blue-chip talent for a run at the Big East title in 2012.



DESCENDING

PITTSBURGH

► Tough to imagine the Panthers overcoming a tumultuous offseason that included early NFL departures and two coaching changes.



RECRUITING ROUNDUP

by Brian McLaughlin, *Sporting News*

1 ► LOUISVILLE The Cardinals were able to secure QB Teddy Bridgewater after the coaching change at Miami.

2 ► RUTGERS When RB Savon Huggins decided to stay close to home and play for the Scarlet Knights, he gave them an immediate threat with the ball.

3 ► WEST VIRGINIA The Mountaineers signed 22 in this class, but the big one came when former Pitt DB recruit Terrell Chestnut shifted to WVU after the Panthers' coaching change.

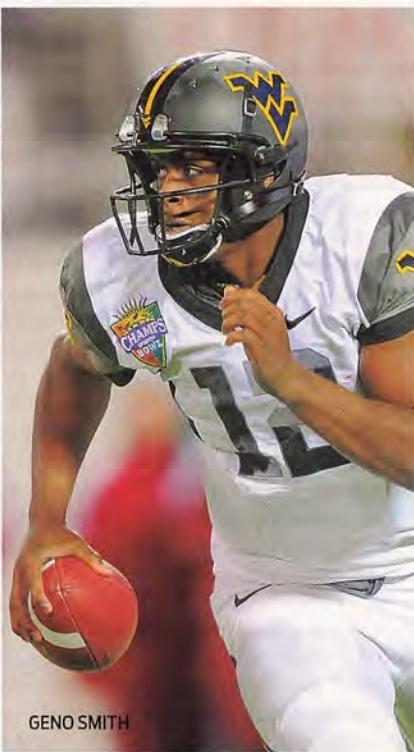
4 ► CINCINNATI The Bearcats kept stocky and confident QB Patrick Coyne home, and then benefited from Pitt's coaching change when RB Jameel Poteat switched over.

5 ► PITTSBURGH This class was rolling along fine until the coaching change, which decimated the class. But LB LaQuentin Smith is a sleeper who will perform well.

6 ► USF It was a bit of a quiet year for the Bulls, who signed 21 recruits. They did manage to add six offensive linemen to the mix, however.

7 ► SYRACUSE The Orange got a nice pickup out of Colorado when RB Adonis Ameen-Moore decided to make the long trip east.

8 ► UCONN The Huskies reached into Georgia and snagged OT Xavier Hemingway, but ended up signing only 16 players.



GENO SMITH

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BIG EAST

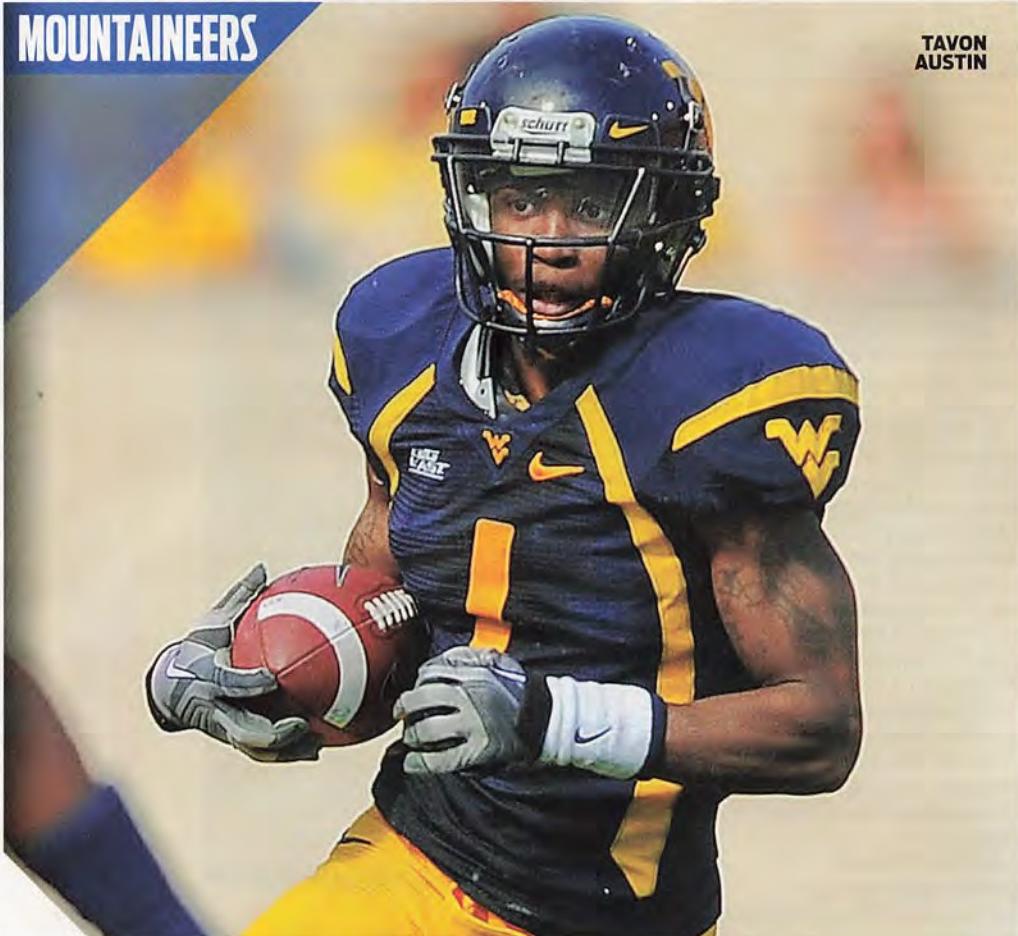


WEST VIRGINIA



MOUNTAINEERS

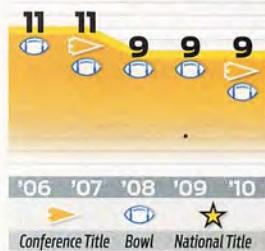
TAVON AUSTIN



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| 5.4 | Marshall | 24-21 (OT) |
| 5.10 | Norfolk State | 31-17 |
| 5.17 | @MARYLAND | 31-17 |
| 5.24 | LSU | 14-20 |
| 6.1 | Bowling Green | |
| 6.8 | Connecticut | 13-16 (OT) |
| 6.21 | @SYRACUSE | 14-19 |
| 6.29 | @RUTGERS | 35-14 |
| 7.5 | Louisville | 17-10 |
| 7.12 | @CINCINNATI | 37-10 |
| 7.25 | Pittsburgh | 35-10 |
| 8.1 | @SOUTH FLORIDA | 20-6 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Bill Stewart

4th year (27-12)

Career record: 27-12

Offensive coordinator:

Dana Holgorsen (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Jeff Casteel (10th year)

FAST FACTS
2010 RECORD: 9-4 BIG EAST: 5-2
(lost to N.C. State in the Champs Sports Bowl, 23-7)
Stadium: Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium (60,000)

Tickets: 1-800-WVU-GAME

Site: Morgantown

Official athletic Web site:
www.msnSportsnet.com

All Bill Stewart has done in three years as head coach of West Virginia is win 27 games—nine each season—and extend the Mountaineers' bowl-appearance streak to nine.

The team has finished no lower than second place in the Big East in each of the last nine years, no small accomplishment in a league known for parity and turnover. Stewart already ranks as the Big East's second-longest-tenured coach, a distinction he'll relinquish at the end of the season when he hands over the reins to Dana Holgorsen, who was hired in December as offensive coordinator and head coach-in-waiting.

The low-key, 58-year-old Stewart is a radical departure from the hard-charging Rich Rodriguez, whose scorched-earth departure for Michigan still rankles Mountaineers fans. At the same time, they miss his last three-year run of 11-win seasons and perennial national title contention.

That's what makes 2011 especially intriguing in Morgantown, where the offensive coaching staff underwent a complete overhaul. As coordinator for Oklahoma State last season, Holgorsen led the nation's most potent attack and is

charged with jump-starting the Mountaineers. That could smooth the transition into what has become one of college football's more unlikely high-expectation jobs.

Holgorsen has two powerful weapons in quarterback Geno Smith and wide receiver Tavon Austin. As a sophomore in 2010, Smith threw for 2,763 yards and 24 touchdowns, ranking first in the Big East in pass efficiency and second in total offense. Smith's return marks the first time in four seasons the Mountaineers begin the year with a full-time incumbent starter at quarterback.

Austin hauled in 58 passes for 787 yards and eight touchdowns. With Jock Sanders gone, he'll play a more prominent role, moving to an inside receiver position that will better showcase his ability in Holgorsen's new scheme. Other beneficiaries will be speedy Bradley Starks, a deep threat who missed the early part of last season but still managed 19 catches for 317 yards and four touchdowns, and Stedman Bailey, who was the team's fourth-leading receiver as a redshirt freshman with 24 catches for 317 yards and four touchdowns.



The Mountaineers enter 2011 without the dominating tailback they've grown accustomed to in the Noel Devine and Steve Slaton eras. Robert Gillespie takes over the coaching duties at running back after holding the same role at Oklahoma State. The role of featured back, however, was still unresolved at the end of spring practice.

Ryan Clarke, a good runner with solid blocking skills, is one candidate. He was second on the team in rushing last year with 80 carries for 291 yards. Shawne Alston is another big back who filled in effectively when Devine was injured last season, and Matt Lindamood (234 pounds) is another bruiser. None fit the mold of Holgorsen's spread offense, though, which means the audition for feature back likely will continue into August.

Bill Bedenbaugh, after serving as offensive line coach for Arizona, takes over a unit in Morgantown that returns largely intact with second-team all-conference left tackle Don Barclay, left guard Josh Jenkins, center Joe Madsen, and right tackle Jeff Braun.

The Mountaineers lost seven starters from a defense that ranked among the best in the nation in 2010, finishing second in sacks, rushing defense and third-down defense, and 11th in pass defense.

Jeff Casteel, entering his 11th year at WVU and 10th as defensive coordinator, has been able to reload over the years but will be hard-pressed to rebuild a group that included four players named to various All-America teams.

Chris Neild left a gaping hole at defensive tackle, which is why Julian Miller was shifted there from right end in the spring. With the Mountaineers playing a three-man front, he'll still have plenty of shots at the quarterback. Bruce Irvin led the Big East and finished second nationally with 14 sacks as a third-down specialist. He'll move into a full-time role, picking up the slack for the departed Scooter Berry, a fellow member of the 2010 all-conference second team.

Najee Goode is the only returning starter among the linebackers. He played on the strong side last season but could move to the weak side. Josh Francis, a junior college All-American, could make an immediate contribution.

RECRUITING REPORT

Dana Holgorsen will be the offensive coordinator this season before the former Oklahoma State assistant replaces Bill Stewart as head coach in 2012.

However, Holgorsen's recruiting philosophy has already been implemented.

After arriving in Morgantown in mid-December, Holgorsen wasn't shy about sending out scholarship offers. He landed eight players in West Virginia's 22-man class, including the crown jewel in four-star DB Terrell Chestnut.

The 5-11, 180-pound Chestnut originally committed to Pittsburgh before flipping to the rival Mountaineers following two coaching changes for the Panthers. From Pottstown (Pa.) Pottsgrove, he played quarterback in high school, but will move to cornerback or

safety at WVU. He's a talented athlete with a lot of upside.

Offensive line was a huge position of need for the Mountaineers, and they signed four, including two big-time guards in Miami (Fla.) Central's Marquis Lucas and Lakewood (Ohio) St. Edward's Brandon Jackson. Both have a chance to play early.

Quarterbacks Paul Millard, who grabbed the backup role in the spring, and Brian Athey enrolled early.

Washington (D.C.) Dunbar twins Vance Roberts (cornerback) and Vernard Roberts (running back) have a chance to make early impacts, while Lackawanna (Pa.) Community College transfer Josh Francis could be a starter at linebacker.

—Steve Wilfong, 247Sports



GAME-CHANGER

Geno Smith, QB

Smith put up huge numbers as a sophomore but they could surge under new offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen's spread offense. With no dominant running back likely to emerge, Smith could emerge as a Heisman Trophy candidate should Bill Stewart end his head-coaching career with a BCS bowl berth.

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

| Geno Smith | | | | | | |
|------------|--------|-------------|------|------|----|--------|
| GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds | TD | Avg./G |
| 13 | 144.7 | 372-241-7 | 64.8 | 2763 | 24 | 212.5 |

| RUSHING | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|-----|------|-----|--------|-------|
| GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg./G | Total |
| Ryan Clarke | 13 | 80 | 291 | 3.6 | 8 | 22.4 |

| RECEIVING | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|------|------|------|--------|-------|
| GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg./G | Total |
| Tavon Austin | 13 | 58 | 787 | 13.6 | 8 | 60.5 |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
|----------------|------|--------|-------|
| Terence Garvin | 13 | 41 | 35 |

SACKS

| GP | No. | Yards |
|-------------|-----|-------|
| Bruce Irvin | 13 | 14.0 |

INTERCEPTIONS

| No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|-------------|-------|------|-----|
| Keith Tandy | 6 | 51 | 8.5 |

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 12 | Geno Smith (6-3, 195, Jr.) |
| | 11 | Paul Millard (6-1, 218, Fr.) |
| RB | 20 | Shawne Alston (5-11, 222, Jr.) |
| | 32 | Ryan Clarke (6-0, 228, Jr.) |
| LOT | 64 | Don Barclay (6-4, 298, Sr.) |
| | 67 | Quinton Spain (6-5, 298, Sr.) |
| LOG | 77 | Josh Jenkins (6-3, 298, Sr.) |
| | 65 | Chad Snodgrass (6-4, 291, Sr.) |
| C | 74 | Joe Madsen (6-4, 286, Jr.) |
| | 60 | John Bassler (6-4, 297, Jr.) |
| ROG | 72 | Cole Bowers (6-5, 289, So.) |
| | 55 | Tyler Rader (6-3, 252, Sr.) |
| ROT | 57 | Jeff Braun (6-4, 307, Jr.) |
| | 76 | Pat Eger (6-6, 296, So.) |
| WR | 5 | Ivan McCartney (6-3, 185, So.) |
| | 81 | J.D. Woods (6-0, 185, Jr.) |
| WR | 2 | Bradley Starks (6-3, 188, Sr.) |
| | 80 | Ryan Nehlen (6-2, 202, Jr.) |
| WR | 1 | Tavon Austin (5-9, 164, Jr.) |
| | 15 | Coley White (6-0, 174, Jr.) |
| WR | 3 | Stedman Bailey (5-10, 195, So.) |
| | 89 | Tyler Urban (6-5, 249, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| DE | 11 | Bruce Irvin (6-3, 235, Sr.) |
| | 98 | Will Clarke (6-6, 265, So.) |
| DT | 97 | Julian Miller (6-4, 248, Sr.) |
| | 91 | J.B. Lageman (6-3, 258, Jr.) |
| NT | 99 | Jorge Wright (6-3, 260, Jr.) |
| | 94 | Josh Taylor (6-1, 263, So.) |
| LB | 43 | Casey Vance (5-9, 216, Sr.) |
| | 42 | Donovan Miles (6-1, 231, Jr.) |
| LB | 17 | Branko Busick (6-0, 231, So.) |
| | 13 | Jewone Snow (6-3, 236, Fr.) |
| LB | 52 | Najee Goode (6-1, 231, Sr.) |
| | 53 | Tyler Anderson (6-2, 240, So.) |
| BAN | 28 | Terence Garvin (6-3, 212, Jr.) |
| | 10 | Mike Dorsey (6-3, 210, So.) |
| LCB | 25 | Keith Tandy (5-10, 198, Sr.) |
| | 18 | Brantwon Bowser (5-11, 190, Sr.) |
| RCB | 6 | Pat Miller (5-10, 183, Jr.) |
| | 23 | Broderick Jenkins (5-10, 182, So.) |
| FS | 25 | Darwin Cook (5-11, 205, So.) |
| | 16 | Wes Tonkery (6-1, 201, Fr.) |
| SS | 24 | Eain Smith (5-11, 200, Sr.) |
| | 26 | Travis Bell (6-2, 187, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

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|---|----|---------------------------------|
| K | 40 | Tyler Bitancurt (6-1, 188, Jr.) |
| P | 44 | Corey Smith (5-11, 214, Jr.) |

Sporting News All-American

2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | WVU | OPP |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| SCORING | 327 | 176 |
| Points Per Game | 25.2 | 13.5 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 260 | 178 |
| Rushing | 126 | 65 |
| Passing | 110 | 98 |
| Penalty | 24 | 15 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2076 | 1124 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2481 | 1537 |
| Yards lost rushing | 405 | 413 |
| Rushing Attempts | 526 | 410 |
| Average Per Rush | 3.9 | 2.7 |
| Average Per Game | 159.7 | 86.5 |
| TDs Rushing | 18 | 3 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 2769 | 2270 |
| Att-Comp-Int | 245-382-8 | 228-393-12 |
| Average Per Pass | 7.2 | 5.8 |
| Average Per Catch | 11.3 | 10.0 |
| Average Per Game | 213.0 | 174.6 |
| TDs Passing | 24 | 12 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 4845 | 3394 |
| Total Plays | 908 | 803 |
| Average Per Play | 5.3 | 4.2 |
| Average Per Game | 372.7 | 261.1 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 42-805 | 55-1140 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 22-185 | 18-156 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 12-204 | 8-173 |

| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| West Virginia | 114 | 82 | 75 | 53 | 3 | 327 |
| Opponent | 41 | 52 | 43 | 37 | 3 | 176 |

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BIG EAST



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|---------------|------------|
| S.3 | @NOTRE DAME | |
| S.10 | Ball State | |
| S.17 | Florida A&M | |
| S.24 | UTEP | |
| S.29 | @PITTSBURGH | 10-17 |
| O.15 | @CONNECTICUT | 16-19 |
| O.22 | Cincinnati | 38-30 |
| N.5 | @RUTGERS | 28-27 |
| N.11 | @SYRACUSE | 9-13 |
| N.19 | Miami (Fla.) | 23-20 (OT) |
| N.25 | Louisville | 24-21 (OT) |
| D.1 | West Virginia | 6-20 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Skip Holtz2nd year (8-5)
Career record: 46-32Offensive coordinator:
Todd Fitch (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator:
Mark Snyder (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 8-5 BIG EAST: 3-4
(beat Clemson in the Meineke Car Care Bowl, 31-26)Stadium: Raymond James Stadium
(65,857)

Tickets: 813-974-3002

Site: Tampa

Official athletic Web site:
www.gousfbulls.com

SOUTH FLORIDA

BULLS

B.J. DANIELS



In his first months as head coach at USF, Skip Holtz seemed intent on shaking hands with everyone in the Tampa Bay area, introducing himself to every high school coach and prospect in the state, and mending a program reeling from the bitter departure of Jim Leavitt, the only coach the Bulls had ever known.

Few expected the gregarious Holtz to take a team that had lost its best offensive player (QB Matt Grothe) and defensive player (end George Selvie) in school history and compile a more-than-respectable 8-5 season that included a victory over Clemson in the Meineke Car Care Bowl.

It speaks volumes about how Holtz raised expectations that the season was viewed as a disappointment. Then again, Leavitt built a strong foundation in recent years, taking the team to a No. 2 BCS ranking early in 2007. Holtz extended the Bulls' run of bowl appearances to six and streak of seasons with eight or more wins to five.

"We were three plays away from winning 11 games but also three games away from winning five," says Holtz, looking back at the 2010 campaign. "We deserve to have high expectations at this point and we have a chance to be pretty good, but there are a lot of unanswered questions we need to answer."

The Bulls have expanded the Sunshine State's football power trio into a quartet, especially

after road wins over Florida State in 2009 and Miami last season. Holtz, remarkably, is now tied with FSU's Jimbo Fisher as the longest-tenured coach among the four schools.

No longer do Bobby Bowden and Urban Meyer loom large over the state. The Bulls, who mostly confine their recruiting to the state of Florida, now have a shot at most any athlete they pursue, especially with three new lighted practice fields (one with artificial turf). This fall, USF could get an added boost if the NFL lockout continues and the Bulls are the only show at Raymond James Stadium.

Holtz, like Leavitt before him, won last season without eye-popping individual or team statistics, just solid all-around play. Quarterback B.J. Daniels is the league's most experienced quarterback with 22 starts and definitely its most mobile, but he can be erratic. After Daniels went down with a quad injury last season, then-freshman Bobby Eveld led the win over Miami and played well against Connecticut.

Holtz opened up a quarterback competition leading into the bowl game and Daniels responded by earning MVP honors, completing 20 of 27 passes and accounting for three touchdowns. He followed that up with a clunker of a spring game, but begins the fall as the undisputed starter.



The tailback position will be a spirited competition. Darrell Scott, a transfer from Colorado, emerged from spring practice as the co-leader with holdover Demetris Murray (542 yards rushing in 2010). Dontae Aycock, an Auburn transfer who played quarterback as a prep star in Tampa, could line up in the Wildcat formation, which USF did not use last season. Marcus Shaw will also see some reps.

Whoever emerges will run behind a line that must replace both tackles and all-conference center Sampson Genus. Guards Chaz Hine and Jeremiah Warren are two-year starters, and 6-7 left tackle Mark Popek has started nine games over the last two seasons. Kevin McCaskill will take over at center after filling in for Genus in the Miami game last season. Then there's redshirt freshman Quinterius Eatmon, who arrived on campus a year ago at 362 pounds but has dropped to 299.

The Bulls must find big-play threats at receiver. Sixth-year senior A.J. Love had 56 catches in 2008-09 and is back after missing last season with a torn ACL. Also returning is Sterling Griffin, who missed last year with an ankle injury. Former cornerback Terrence Mitchell figures into the mix, along with redshirt freshman Deonte Welch and tight end Andreas Shields.

Defensively, the Bulls lost three players who appeared on all-conference teams, along with several starters. But since Holtz spent much of last season figuring out what he inherited, many players saw action. Defensive end Ryne Giddins, a redshirt sophomore who was considered one of the program's best recruits ever when he chose USF over Florida, FSU and Miami, could have a breakout season. Cory Grissom, who started all 13 games at tackle last season, is back, along with Keith McCaskill and Julius Forte.

The Bulls have depth and options at linebacker, even with the departure of all-conference performer Jacquain Williams. Either Sam Barrington or Mike Lanaris could move from the middle to the strong side. The job could also go to hard-hitting juco transfer Mike Jeune or redshirt freshman Reshard Cliett.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Bulls pulled a shocker on National Signing Day and beat out Florida and Miami to land coveted in-state defensive tackle Elkin Watson. The 6-2, 280-pound Miami (Fla.) Booker T. Washington prospect is an explosive playmaker with good athleticism and will have a chance to make an impact this fall.

Watson isn't the only difference-maker coming in on the defensive side of the ball. Independence (Kan.) CC transfer Mike Jeune is a hard-hitting linebacker who will compete for a starting spot in the fall. Also keep an eye on Orlando (Fla.) Olympia safety Corian Hamilton, who spurned offers from Michigan State, Missouri, Connecticut, Rutgers and Syracuse to stay close to home.

Coach Skip Holtz and his staff really wanted to solidify the trenches on offense, signing six linemen in the 21-player class.

—Steve Wiltfong, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 7 | B.J. Daniels (6-1, 214, Jr.) |
| | 13 | Bobby Eved (6-4, 209, So.) |
| FB | 43 | Armando Sanchez (5-11, 218, Jr.) |
| | 40 | Chris Breit (5-10, 225, Jr.) |
| RB | 21 | Demetris Murray (5-10, 202, Jr.) |
| | 20 | Darrell Scott (6-1, 230, Jr.) |
| LOT | 74 | Mark Popek (6-7, 283, Jr.) |
| | 75 | Darren Powe (6-3, 293, Sr.) |
| LOG | 55 | Jeremiah Warren (6-4, 327, Sr.) |
| | 71 | John McGinn (6-4, 324, So.) |
| C | 66 | Kevin McCaskill (6-0, 315, Sr.) |
| | 78 | Austin Reiter (6-4, 273, Fr.) |
| ROG | 79 | Chaz Hine (6-4, 296, Sr.) |
| | 60 | Danous Esteror (6-3, 296, Jr.) |
| ROT | 70 | Quinterius Eatmon (6-6, 299, Fr.) |
| | 73 | Damien Edwards (6-5, 321, Jr.) |
| TE | 88 | Andreas Shields (6-4, 242, Jr.) |
| | 12 | Isaac Virgin (6-4, 251, So.) |
| WR | 11 | A.J. Love (6-2, 205, Sr.) |
| | 9 | Evan Landi (6-3, 221, Jr.) |
| WR | 14 | Terrence Mitchell (5-10, 157, So.) |
| | 17 | Sterling Griffin (6-1, 192, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-------------------------------------|
| LDE | 7 | Ryne Giddins (6-3, 259, So.) |
| | 90 | Claude Davis (6-2, 233, Jr.) |
| LDT | 46 | Cory Grissom (6-2, 317, Jr.) |
| | 92 | Luke Sager (6-3, 276, So.) |
| RDT | 91 | Keith McCaskill (6-0, 286, Sr.) |
| | 93 | Demi Thompson (6-1, 273, So.) |
| RDE | 54 | Julius Forte (6-2, 262, So.) |
| | 41 | Patrick Hampton (6-0, 240, Sr.) |
| SLB | 37 | Reshard Cliett (6-2, 210, Fr.) |
| | 13 | Curtis Weatherspoon (6-0, 215, Sr.) |
| MLB | 36 | Sam Barrington (6-1, 235, Jr.) |
| | 55 | Michael Lanaris (6-0, 237, Jr.) |
| WLB | 34 | DeDe Lattimore (6-2, 237, So.) |
| | 35 | Mike Jeune (6-0, 216, Jr.) |
| LCB | 6 | Kayvon Webster (5-11, 193, Jr.) |
| | 22 | George Baker (5-11, 180, Jr.) |
| RCB | 2 | Quenton Washington (5-10, 190, Sr.) |
| | 24 | Ernie Tabuteau (5-10, 181, Jr.) |
| FS | 1 | Jerrell Young (6-1, 208, Sr.) |
| | 26 | Mark Joyce (5-10, 200, So.) |
| SS | 8 | Jon Lejiste (5-11, 201, Jr.) |
| | 30 | JaQuez Jenkins (6-2, 186, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

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|---|----|-------------------------------|
| K | 28 | Maikon Bonani (5-9, 191, Jr.) |
| P | 47 | Chris Veron (6-3, 214, Fr.) |

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------|----|--------|-------------|------|------|----|-------|
| B.J. Daniels | GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg/G |
| | 12 | 120.3 | 245-143-13 | 58.4 | 1695 | 11 | 140.4 |

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|-----------------|----|------|-----|------|----|-------|
| RUSHING | GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
| Demetris Murray | 11 | 120 | 542 | 4.5 | 4 | 49.3 |

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|------------|----|-----|------|------|----|-------|
| RECEIVING | GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
| Evan Landi | 13 | 28 | 390 | 13.9 | 2 | 30.0 |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| | | | | |
|----------------|----|------|--------|-------|
| DeDe Lattimore | GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
| | 13 | 47 | 22 | 69 |

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|-------------|----|-----|-------|
| SACKS | GP | No. | Yards |
| Jon Lejiste | 13 | 4.0 | 41 |

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|---------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| INTERCEPTIONS | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
| Jerrell Young | 3 | 17 | 5.7 | 0 |

2010 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS

| | USF | OPP |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING | 313 | 260 |
| Points Per Game | 24.1 | 20.0 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 217 | 225 |
| Rushing | 101 | 94 |
| Passing | 89 | 117 |
| Penalty | 27 | 14 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 1883 | 1632 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2194 | 2007 |
| Yards lost rushing | 311 | 375 |
| Rushing Attempts | 487 | 470 |
| Average Per Rush | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| Average Per Game | 144.8 | 125.5 |
| TDs Rushing | 19 | 8 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 2139 | 2500 |
| Att-Comp-Int | 185-323-16 | 238-404-15 |
| Average Per Pass | 6.6 | 6.2 |
| Average Per Catch | 11.6 | 10.5 |
| Average Per Game | 164.5 | 192.3 |
| TDs Passing | 13 | 18 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 4022 | 4132 |
| Total Plays | 810 | 874 |
| Average Per Play | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| Average Per Game | 309.4 | 317.8 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 49-1106 | 53-1156 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 27-311 | 19-184 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 15-219 | 16-197 |

TEAM STATISTICS

| | USF | OPP |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| KICK RETURN AVG. | 22.6 | 21.8 |
| PUNT RETURN AVG. | 11.5 | 9.7 |
| INT RETURN AVG. | 14.6 | 12.3 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 21-6 | 10-5 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 74-599 | 93-787 |
| Average Per Game | 46.1 | 60.5 |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 65-2406 | 73-2917 |
| Average Per Punt | 37.0 | 40.0 |
| Net punt average | 34.2 | 34.6 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION | 28:33 | 31:20 |
| 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 51/161 | 70/195 |
| 3rd-Down Pct. | 32% | 36% |
| 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 3/7 | 10/17 |
| 4th-Down Pct. | 43% | 59% |
| SACKS-BY-YARDS | 30-249 | 26-157 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 0 | 0 |
| TDS SCORED | 37 | 29 |
| FG-ATTEMPTS | 18-26 | 20-26 |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | 33-34 | 26-27 |
| ATTENDANCE | 285946 | 263272 |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 7/40849 | 5/52654 |
| Neutral Site Games | 1/41122 | |

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| South Florida | 52 | 83 | 107 | 62 | 9 | 313 |
| Opponent | 50 | 64 | 54 | 89 | 3 | 260 |

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PITTSBURGH

PANTHERS

BIG EAST

No team in the Big East lost more familiar names than Pittsburgh since the end of last season. From the forced resignation of head coach Dave Wannstedt after an 8-5 season to the early departures of Jon Baldwin and Dion Lewis to the graduation of Big East Defensive Player of the Year Jabaal Sheard and three other all-conference players, the Panthers had a hectic offseason.

And that's not including the brief tenure of Mike Haywood, who was hired as Wannstedt's successor in December only to be fired two weeks later after an arrest on charges of domestic violence.

Wannstedt routinely drew top recruiting classes to his alma mater, but the former NFL head coach could not translate that talent to the field. He left plenty in the cupboard for new coach Todd Graham, whose high-octane, no-huddle attack will be a radical departure from Wannstedt's deliberate, run-focused philosophy.

Graham's 2010 Tulsa team averaged 41.4 points per game and rolled up 505.6 yards per game, good for fifth nationally. He's pledging to snap the ball every 15 seconds, mostly from the shotgun formation. That means the key player for the 2011 Panthers could be senior Chris Jacobson, the former left guard who became the fourth player to audition for the center spot in the spring.

Junior quarterback Tino Sunseri connected on 64.5 percent of his passes for 2,572 yards last season, his first in a full-time role. Sunseri impresses his coaches with poise and confidence and is just the type of under-the-radar QB Graham loves.

Junior Ray Graham was mostly the backup to Lewis the last two seasons but often appeared better last year than the 2009 Big East Offensive Player of the Year. Rushing for 922 yards last year on just 148 carries, he was the only scholarship tailback to participate in spring drills.

Pitt will employ a variety of three-receiver sets. Devin Street played in every game as a freshman, making four starts and catching 25 passes for 318 yards. Junior Mike Shanahan was the team's second-leading receiver behind Baldwin with 43 catches for 589 yards. At 5-7, Cameron Saddler is the type of speedy wideout Graham found success with in Tulsa and should see a lot of balls coming his way.

The Panthers were among the Division I leaders in quarterback sacks the past two years behind Sheard and Greg Romeus, even though Wannstedt's system featured little blitzing. That will

change under Graham. Senior Brandon Lindsey could follow Sheard and Romeus as the third consecutive Pitt player to win Defensive Player of the Year in the Big East. Pitt returns much of last year's defense, including All-Big East safety Jarred Holley, interior linemen Chas Alecxih and Myles Caragein, linebackers Greg Williams and Max Gruder and cornerback Antwuan Reed.

GAME-CHANGER

Buddy Jackson, CB/RS

Fifth-year senior Jackson has been considered among the top athletes in the Pitt locker room throughout his career, with a 42-inch vertical leap and 4.4 speed in the 40. Now, having shaken injuries and an underachiever label, he should emerge as a valuable weapon this season as a full-time return man and cornerback.



TINO SUNSERI

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

- QB 12 Tino Sunseri (6-2, 210, Jr.)
- RB 1 Ray Graham (5-9, 195, Jr.)
- LOT 68 Jordan Gibbs (6-7, 305, Sr.)
- LOG 60 Greg Gaskins (6-4, 285, Sr.)
- C 54 Chris Jacobson (6-3, 290, Sr.)
- ROG 78 Cory King (6-6, 315, So.)
- ROT 52 Lucas Nix (6-6, 305, Sr.)
- TE 81 Brock DeCicco (6-5, 240, So.)
- WR 15 Devin Street (6-4, 190, So.)
- WR 5 Cameron Saddler (5-7, 170, Jr.)
- WR 87 Mike Shanahan (6-5, 220, Jr.)

DEFENSE

- DE 7 Brandon Lindsey (6-2, 250, Sr.)
- DT 98 Chas Alecxih (6-5, 280, Sr.)
- NT 94 Myles Caragein (6-2, 290, Sr.)
- OLB 38 Greg Williams (6-3, 240, Sr.)
- SAM 32 Tristan Roberts (6-1, 235, Sr.)
- WILL 55 Max Gruder (6-2, 230, Sr.)
- SPUR 23 Kevin Adams (6-1, 215, So.)
- BCB 24 K'Waun Williams (5-10, 175, So.)
- FCB 21 Buddy Jackson (6-1, 180, Sr.)
- FS 18 Jarred Holley (5-10, 180, Jr.)
- BS 25 Jason Hendricks (6-0, 180, So.)

SPECIALISTS

- K 39 Kevin Harper (5-10, 180, Jr.)
- P 92 Matt Yoklic (6-4, 210, So.)

Sporting News All-American



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| S.3 | Buffalo | 17-23 |
| S.10 | Maine | 17-10 |
| S.17 | @IOWA | |
| S.24 | Notre Dame | 17-23 |
| S.29 | South Florida | 17-10 |
| O.8 | @RUTGERS | 41-21 |
| O.15 | Utah | 24-27 (OT) |
| O.26 | Connecticut | 28-30 |
| N.5 | Cincinnati | 28-10 |
| N.12 | @LOUISVILLE | 20-3 |
| N.25 | @WEST VIRGINIA | 10-35 |
| D.3 | Syracuse | 45-14 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Todd Graham

1st year

Career record: 43-23

Offensive coordinators:

Calvin Magee (1st year)
Michael Norvell (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Keith Patterson (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 8-5 BIG EAST: 5-2

(beat Kentucky in the BBVA Compass Bowl, 27-10)

Stadium: Heinz Field (65,050)

Tickets: 412-648-PITT

Site: Pittsburgh

Official athletic Web site:

www.pittsburghpanthers.com

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Lafayette Pitts: RB, 5-10, 175

One of the nation's elite prospects, the Pittsburgh Woodland Hills graduate has good lateral quickness, nice vision and the ability to quickly accelerate to top-end speed.

2 ▶ Khayrin Mosley-Smith: DT, 6-0, 290

Mosley-Smith is a prep school prospect who is fast off the snap and can quickly penetrate into the opposition's backfield.

3 ▶ LaQuentin Smith: LB, 6-0, 220

Smith is a physical player who left state powerhouse Orlando (Fla.) Dr. Phillips as the school's all-time leader in fumble recoveries with 10.

4 ▶ Nick Grigsby: LB, 6-1, 205

Grigsby racked up 154 tackles, four sacks, four forced fumbles and an interception he returned 70 yards for a touchdown as a senior at Dayton (Ohio) Trotwood-Madison.

5 ▶ Darius Patton: WR, 5-10, 173

A big-play receiver who can stretch the field, the Youngstown (Ohio) Poland Seminary product had 49 receptions for 800 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior.

CINCINNATI

BEARCATS

BIG EAST

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

- QB** 12 Zach Collaros (6-0, 223, Sr.)
- RB** 23 Isaiah Pead (5-11, 198, Jr.)
- LOT** 77 Sean Hooley (6-9, 300, Jr.)
- LOG** 53 Randy Martinez (6-1, 290, Sr.)
- C** 72 Evan Davis (6-4, 285, Sr.)
- ROG** 76 Austen Buinoch (6-5, 280, So.)
- ROT** 59 Alex Hoffman (6-7, 299, Sr.)
- TE** 88 Adrien Robinson (6-5, 268, Sr.)
- WR** 3 DJ Woods (6-0, 178, Sr.)
- WR** 6 Anthony McClung (6-0, 164, So.)
- WR** 1 Kenrell Thompkins (6-1, 196, Jr.)

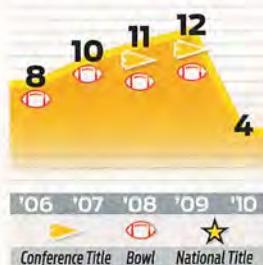
DEFENSE

- LDE** 58 Brandon Mills (5-10, 245, Jr.)
- LDT** 95 Derek Wolfe (6-5, 300, Sr.)
- RDT** 40 John Hughes (6-4, 305, Sr.)
- RDE** 99 Dan Giordano (6-4, 260, Jr.)
- SLB** 43 Solomon Tentman (6-2, 230, Fr.)
- MLB** 37 J.K. Schaffer (6-1, 232, Sr.)
- WLB** 4 Maalik Bomar (6-2, 219, Jr.)
- LCB** 5 Reuben Johnson (5-10, 191, Jr.)
- RCB** 21 Camertron Cheatham (5-9, 190, Jr.)
- FS** 24 Wesley Richardson (6-0, 200, Sr.)
- SS** 26 Drew Frey (6-3, 203, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

- K** 14 Tony Milano (6-2, 200, Fr.)
- P** 34 Patrick O'Donnell (6-5, 217, Jr.)

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Malcolm Murray: CB, 6-2, 205

The Mount San Antonio (Calif.) College transfer is a big corner who has good ball skills and can also come up and deliver a big hit. Murray, who signed with Oklahoma State coming out of high school, had 77 tackles and 10 interceptions during his two junior college seasons.

2 ▶ Jameel Poteat: RB, 5-11, 200

A highly sought running back who originally committed to Pittsburgh, Poteat opened things up following the Panthers' coaching changes.

3 ▶ Nick Temple: S, 5-11, 207

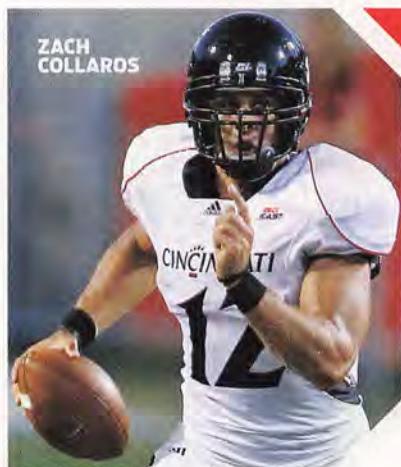
Temple played linebacker at Indianapolis Warren Central, where he was chosen Indiana's Mr. Football for his position.

4 ▶ Patrick Coyne: QB, 6-2, 220

The Hamilton (Ohio) Badin graduate looks like a linebacker at first glance and plays quarterback with the same physical style.

5 ▶ Shaquille Washington: WR, 5-8, 145

Washington played quarterback as a senior at Maple Heights (Ohio) High, passing for 14 touchdowns and rushing for another six scores.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| S.1 | Austin Peay State | |
| S.10 | @TENNESSEE | |
| S.17 | Akron | |
| S.22 | N.C. State | 19-30 |
| O.1 | @MIAMI (Ohio) | 45-3 |
| O.15 | Louisville | 35-27 |
| O.22 | @SOUTH FLORIDA | 30-38 |
| N.5 | @PITTSBURGH | 10-28 |
| N.12 | West Virginia | 10-37 |
| N.19 | @RUTGERS | 69-38 |
| N.26 | @SYRACUSE | 7-31 |
| D.3 | Connecticut | 17-38 |

COACH

Butch Jones

2nd year (4-8)
Career record: 31-21

Offensive coordinator:

Mike Bajakian (2nd year)

Defensive coordinators:

Tim Banks (2nd year)

John Jancek (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 4-8 BIG EAST: 2-5

Stadium: Nippert Stadium (35,000)

Tickets: 877-CATS-TIX

Site: Cincinnati

Official athletic Web site:

www.gobearcats.com

It's tempting to look at the first year of Cincinnati post-Brian Kelly and draw a comparison to Louisville, another upstart Big East program that fell off a cliff when its hot coach (Bobby Petrino) departed for big money elsewhere.

Steve Kragthorpe struggled in three years at Louisville and only now are the Cardinals recovering under Charlie Strong. Cincinnati figured the transition from Kelly to Butch Jones would be seamless since, after all, Jones once succeeded Kelly at Central Michigan.

Instead, the Bearcats dropped to 4-8, their worst season since 2005, and looked light-years removed from the team that won back-to-back Big East championships and was 12-0 during the 2009 regular season.

Jones could turn things around quickly, especially as players grow more comfortable with his system in Year 2. The Bearcats led the Big East last season in scoring offense (27.1 points per game), total offense (417.3 yards per game), passing offense (260.7) and touchdown passes (27). The team features the league's most accomplished quarterback in Zach Collaros, its top returning rusher in Isaiah Pead (1,029 yards) and a big-time wide receiver in DJ Woods (898 yards, 8 TDs). Junior college transfer Kenrell Thompkins could succeed Armon Binns as Collaros' top target.

Pead was a huge recruiting coup in 2008 when he picked Cincinnati over Pitt and West Virginia and, even after averaging 6.7 yards a carry and amassing 1,835 yards and 15 touchdowns over the last two seasons, he remains largely under the radar. He eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark last year despite missing two games and led the conference for the second straight year at 6.6 yards rushing per game.

Cincinnati's lack of depth and experience on defense was exposed last season, when it struggled to stop anybody with a unit that was the youngest among BCS conference teams.

All 11 starters return. Depth remains an issue at linebacker, though J.K. Schaffer returns after his second straight 100-plus-tackle season. The secondary must improve after finishing 88th in NCAA pass defense last year. Senior cornerback Dominique Battle returns after missing the final eight games with a knee injury. Corners Cameron Cheatham and Reuben Johnson have made 11 career starts.

Safety Wesley Richardson missed the spring due to offseason surgery, perhaps opening the door to juco transfer Malcolm Murray. Drew Frey, a two-year starter at safety, also is back.

Jones has shuffled some other players. Walter Stewart moved back to defensive end after splitting time at outside linebacker the past two seasons. Mitch Meador moves from defensive end to linebacker and Sean McClellan shifts from defensive to offensive line.

GAME-CHANGER

Travis Kelce, TE

Butch Jones suspended Kelce for the 2010 season, but now Kelce is back and likely to play a prominent role in 2011. At 6-6 and 252 pounds, Kelce was recruited as a quarterback and was used in the Wildcat formation in 2009. Quarterback Zach Collaros says Kelce is talented enough to play any position on the field.

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LOUISVILLE

BIG EAST

CARDINALS

Charlie Strong made it clear from his initial meeting with his new Louisville players last year that they had to be tougher. Picked to finish last in the Big East for a third consecutive year, the Cardinals returned to the postseason for the first time since 2006, finishing 7-6 overall and 3-4 in the league, including road victories at Syracuse and Rutgers and a bowl win over Southern Miss.

It's not quite the glory days of the Bobby Petrino era, but clearly the Cards have taken a cue from their imposing coach and gotten tougher (notwithstanding the injury epidemic that marred the recent spring drills).

This is a team, after all, that will rely on a former walk-on quarterback (Will Stein) who is generously listed at 5-10 and a tailback (Victor Anderson) who has struggled through injuries over the last two seasons.

That speaks volumes about Strong's eye for toughness. Stein will get the initial nod over prized recruit Teddy Bridgewater, who enrolled early and, at 6-3, looks more like the prototype quarterback. Both will benefit from the lone coaching change, with former Nebraska offensive coordinator Shawn Watson taking over for Mike Groh as quarterbacks coach.

The Cardinals led the Big East in rushing last season with 175 yards per game and 4.8 yards per carry. Bilal Powell and his 1,405 yards are gone, along with four starting offensive linemen. The lone returning starter, center Mario Benavides, is coming off of knee surgery.

Anderson, who rushed for 1,047 yards and eight touchdowns as a freshman in 2008, is healthy and the second-leading returning rusher behind Jeremy Wright.

Strong must replace his top two wide receivers, neither of whom racked up 500 yards in 2010. Josh Bellamy, who hauled in 29 passes for 401 yards, had a great spring and figures to be Stein's No. 1 option. Tight end Josh Chichester (22 catches, 317 yards, 5 TDs) succeeds all-conference pick Cameron Graham.

Safety Hakeem Smith made 11 starts as a redshirt freshman and was the leading tackler (88) on a resurgent Louisville defense that ranked third in the Big East in points allowed and yards allowed. The Cardinals are thin at cornerback, where Johnny Patrick was all-conference last season and Darius Ashley missed the spring with an injury. On the line, Strong is bullish on defensive lineman Jamaine Brooks, a redshirt freshman who lost a lot of weight and figures to contribute this season.

Strong's confidence has caught on in Louisville. Last season, the rookie head coach decided to go for it on crucial fourth-and-one situations in back-to-back weeks against Syracuse and South Florida.

GAME-CHANGER

Teddy Bridgewater, QB

Bridgewater was staying home in Miami to play for the Hurricanes until Randy Shannon was fired as coach. The dual-threat quarterback, a five-star recruit, wanted immediate playing time and enrolled early at Louisville, where he could unseat Will Stein and start as a true freshman.



PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 4 | Will Stein (5-10, 185, Jr.) |
| RB | 20 | Victor Anderson (5-9, 188, Sr.) |
| LOT | 73 | Hector Hernandez (6-5, 294, Sr.) |
| LOG | 66 | Alex Kupper (6-3, 285, Jr.) |
| C | 55 | Mario Benavides (6-4, 300, Jr.) |
| ROG | 53 | Jake Smith (6-4, 315, Fr.) |
| ROT | 75 | Ryan Kessling (6-5, 314, Sr.) |
| TE | 11 | Josh Chichester (6-8, 240, Sr.) |
| WR | 1 | Josh Bellamy (6-0, 206, Sr.) |
| WR | 14 | Andrell Smith (6-3, 210, Jr.) |
| WR | 7 | Damian Copeland (6-1, 186, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------------|
| LDE | 91 | William Savoy (6-1, 238, Sr.) |
| LOT | 11 | Greg Scruggs (6-4, 269, Sr.) |
| RDT | 93 | Roy Philion (6-3, 272, So.) |
| RDE | 44 | B.J. Butler (6-2, 264, So.) |
| SLB | 24 | Daniel Brown (6-1, 219, Jr.) |
| MLB | 46 | Dexter Heyman (6-3, 238, Sr.) |
| WLB | 17 | Marcus Smith (6-3, 251, So.) |
| LCB | 8 | Darius Ashley (5-8, 186, Jr.) |
| RCB | 32 | Senorise Perry (6-0, 192, So.) |
| FS | 29 | Hakeem Smith (6-1, 183, So.) |
| SS | 36 | Shenard Holton (6-1, 190, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|
| K | 12 | Chris Philpott (6-0, 198, Sr.) |
| P | 12 | Chris Philpott (6-0, 198, Sr.) |

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-----------------------|------------|
| S.1 | Murray State | |
| S.9 | Florida International | |
| S.17 | @KENTUCKY | 16-23 |
| O.1 | Marshall | |
| O.8 | @NORTH CAROLINA | |
| O.15 | @CINCINNATI | 27-35 |
| O.21 | Rutgers | 40-13 |
| O.29 | Syracuse | 28-20 |
| N.5 | @WEST VIRGINIA | 10-17 |
| N.12 | Pittsburgh | 3-20 |
| N.19 | @CONNECTICUT | 26-0 |
| N.25 | @SOUTH FLORIDA | 21-24 (OT) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

- 1 ➤ Gerod Holliman: S, 5-11, 188
One of the top safeties in the nation, the Miami (Fla.) Southridge standout breaks on the football as well as anyone in the country. Originally committed to Ole Miss.
- 2 ➤ Teddy Bridgewater: QB, 6-2, 180
Bridgewater enrolled early after being a three-year starter for one of Florida's top prep programs at Miami (Fla.) Northwestern. He is one of the most athletic QBs in the country. Many believe he's also talented enough to play receiver.
- 3 ➤ Eli Rogers: WR, 5-10, 178
Rogers was Teddy Bridgewater's favorite target at Miami Northwestern, and he will be tough to keep off the field as a true freshman.
- 4 ➤ Bryant Dubose: DE, 6-4, 227
One of the Sunshine State's top pass rushers, the Fort Lauderdale prospect had 11 sacks as a senior.
- 5 ➤ Brandon Golson: OLB, 6-2, 215
Golson, who has a 79-inch wingspan, spent a year of prep school at Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy.

SYRACUSE

ORANGE

BIG EAST

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 12 | Ryan Nassib (6-2, 227, Sr.) |
| FB | 49 | Adam Harris (6-2, 242, Sr.) |
| RB | 29 | Antwon Bailey (5-7, 197, Sr.) |
| LOT | 67 | Justin Pugh (6-6, 299, Jr.) |
| LOG | 75 | Zack Chilbene (6-5, 298, Jr.) |
| C | 59 | Macky MacPherson (6-2, 265, So.) |
| ROG | 66 | Andrew Tiller (6-5, 328, Sr.) |
| ROT | 74 | Michael Hay (6-5, 279, Sr.) |
| TE | 80 | Nick Provo (6-4, 246, Sr.) |
| WR | 5 | Marcus Sales (6-0, 182, Sr.) |
| WR | 82 | Van Chew (6-1, 161, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 54 | Mikhail Marinovich (6-5, 250, Sr.) |
| LDT | 96 | Jay Bromley (6-3, 269, So.) |
| RDT | 56 | Cory Boatman (6-1, 274, Sr.) |
| RDE | 99 | Chandler Jones (6-5, 247, Sr.) |
| SLB | 33 | Dan Vaughan (6-2, 210, Sr.) |
| MLB | 11 | Marquis Spruill (6-1, 221, So.) |
| WLB | 35 | Dyshawn Davis (6-3, 208, Fr.) |
| LCB | 8 | Keon Lyn (6-1, 188, So.) |
| RCB | 26 | Kevyn Scott (5-11, 206, Sr.) |
| FS | 1 | Phillip Thomas (5-11, 196, Jr.) |
| SS | 21 | Shamarko Thomas (5-10, 208, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|-------------------------------|
| K | 37 | Ross Krautman (5-7, 155, So.) |
| P | 41 | Shane Raupers (5-9, 182, Jr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUTS

1 ▶ Adonis Ameen-Moore: RB, 5-11, 215
Very productive runner, Ameen-Moore led Denver Mullen to a 33-0 record and three consecutive Colorado state championships.

2 ▶ Brandon Reddish: WR, 5-11, 180
Reddish is a two-way standout out of Brooklyn (N.Y.) Fort Hamilton who could also play defensive back.

3 ▶ Ashton Broyld: ATH, 6-3, 230
Broyld is a dual-threat quarterback who had 24 touchdowns passing and another 24 rushing as a prep senior.

4 ▶ Shutang Mungwa: S, 6-2, 200
Mungwa played for one of the nation's best prep programs at Oradell (N.J.) Bergen Catholic. He's deceptively fast and makes great plays against the run.

5 ▶ Oliver Vigilie: LB, 6-2, 200
The Miami product is an outside linebacker with good speed who can make plays on the edge and also cover running backs and tight ends.



RYAN
NASSIB



SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT '10 RESULT

| | | |
|------|---------------|-------|
| S.3 | Wake Forest | |
| S.10 | Rhode Island | |
| S.17 | @USC | |
| S.24 | Toledo | |
| O.1 | Rutgers | 13-10 |
| O.8 | @TULANE | |
| O.21 | West Virginia | 19-14 |
| O.29 | @LOUISVILLE | 20-28 |
| N.5 | @CONNECTICUT | 6-23 |
| N.11 | South Florida | 13-9 |
| N.26 | Cincinnati | 31-7 |
| D.3 | @PITTSBURGH | 14-45 |

COACH

Doug Marrone

3rd year (12-13)

Career record: 12-13

Offensive coordinator:

Nathaniel Hackett (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Scott Shafer (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 8-5 BIG EAST: 4-3

(beat Kansas State in the Pinstripe Bowl, 36-34)

Stadium: Carrier Dome (49,250)

Tickets: 888-366-3849

Site: Syracuse, N.Y.

Official athletic Web site:

www.suathletics.com

In just two seasons Doug Marrone has restored optimism to his alma mater and has the Orange believing they can contend for a Big East title as early as this season.

Why not? After going 8-5 last year with a win over Kansas State in the Pinstripe Bowl, Marrone proved that the Orange is no longer the team that won just 10 games in the four seasons before his arrival.

Just think of the possibilities if Syracuse could have capitalized on the home-field advantage last year. The team faced a tough road schedule of four conference games, including trips to Morgantown and Tampa, and won all of them.

Marrone promoted Nathaniel Hackett to offensive coordinator, which means Marrone will no longer be calling the plays. But the difference should be negligible since the two men share philosophies.

Whoever calls the shots will have one of the conference's more experienced quarterbacks in senior Ryan Nassib, who threw for 2,334 yards and 19 touchdowns in his first full season under center, providing much-needed stability to the position.

For the first time since 2005, the Orange begin a season without Delone Carter, who capped his five-year run with 1,233 yards on the ground in 2010. Senior Antwon Bailey (554 yards, 4.9 average) is the leading returning rusher and the second-leading receiver, having caught 35 passes for 306 yards out of the backfield.

The offensive line should be Syracuse's strength, which is not surprising given that Marrone himself played there. Four-fifths of the unit returns, including rising star Justin Pugh, a junior left tackle who is one of the last remaining blue-chip recruits left from the Greg Robinson era. Macky MacPherson, who played in 12 games as a true freshman, will replace Ryan Bartholomew at center.

The top five receivers return from 2010, including Van Chew (41 catches, 611 yards), Bailey and tight end Nick Provo (33 catches). Alec Lemon and Marcus Sales accounted for four touchdowns apiece last year.

Chandler Jones has succeeded his brother, Arthur, as a force along Syracuse's defensive line, recording four sacks and earning second-team all-conference honors in 2010. The Orange must replace their two top tacklers in linebackers Derrill Smith and Doug Hogue.

Marquis Spruill, the only four-star recruit in the 2010 class, played immediately at outside linebacker and now takes on added responsibility in the middle.

And all Ross Krautman did as a true freshman kicker was tie Gary Anderson's school record for field goals (18) and consecutive field goals (16).

GAME-CHANGER

Prince-Tyson Gulley, RB/RS

Gulley made a huge impact on special teams as a true freshman in 2010, averaging 23.7 yards per kick return in Big East games, good for fourth in the league. Against Washington, he returned five kickoffs for 138 yards. The elusive 5-9 tailback carried the ball just 13 times out of the backfield but will likely get more touches as the Orange try to fill the void left by Delone Carter.

7 CONNECTICUT

BIG EAST

HUSKIES

The defending Big East champion and BCS representative has won at least eight games in each of the last four years. The Huskies, however, enter 2011 with perhaps as much uncertainty as any UConn team since the school became an FBS program.

Paul Pasqualoni replaced Randy Edsall, who became the latest successful Big East coach to bolt for the big money of a more established conference. Pasqualoni will try to rediscover the success he had in the Big East at Syracuse for 14 seasons, and has some building blocks to do so.

Pasqualoni kept much of Edsall's staff intact, but brought in new coordinators in George DeLeone on offense and Don Brown on defense. That could mean a meshing of Pasqualoni's old-school philosophies with the successful Edsall formula.

Edsall had a track record of shuffling players and positions to maximize talent and reloading at running back, where NFL early entry Jordan Todman was the latest to put up big numbers. D.J. Shoemate transferred from Southern Cal for the 2010 season and promptly landed in Edsall's doghouse by fumbling in a key situation at Michigan in the season opener. He carried the ball just 28 times all season. Considered one of the top players coming out of high school in 2008, Shoemate will get another shot in 2011.

Sophomore quarterback Mike Box has the most experience on the roster and projects as the starter. The offensive line should again be a strong point behind senior tackle Mike Ryan and center Moe Petrus, a two-year starter.

The Huskies return virtually their entire receiving corps, though the 48-20 rout at the hands of Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl exposed a lack of playmakers. Seniors Mike Smith (46 catches) and Kashif Moore (36) led the team in receptions in 2010. Junior Nick Williams also figures into the receiver mix as well as special teams, where he led the nation in kickoff-return average (35.3) last season.

It seems like Lawrence Wilson and Scott Lutrus each played six seasons for the Huskies, as they combined for 91 starts. The Huskies will be hard-pressed to replace their production

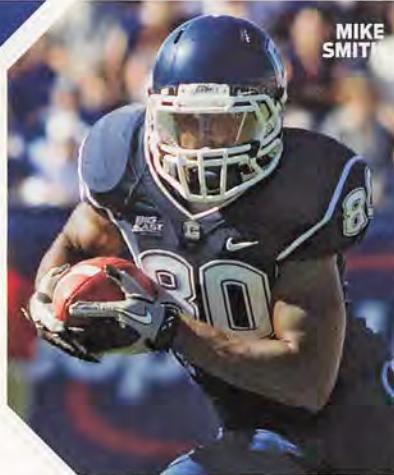
and leadership. Junior Sio Moore, who started nine games last year and won Big East Defensive Player of the Week twice, was the second-leading UConn tackler (110 stops) and figures to play a more prominent role at linebacker.

Connecticut returns nine starters on defense, including fifth-year tackle Kendall Reyes, an all-conference pick who had 10 tackles for loss last season.

GAME-CHANGER

DAVE TEGGART, K

A kicker as the game-changer? Absolutely. Senior Teggart established himself as the league's best in 2010, converting on game-winning field goals against West Virginia and South Florida. The 52-yarder in Tampa with 17 seconds remaining gave the Huskies a BCS berth for the first time, perhaps the most dramatic moment in the program's history.



MIKE SMITH

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------------|
| QB | 4 | Mike Box (6-3, 209, So.) |
| FB | 47 | Reuben Frank (6-3, 229, Fr.) |
| RB | 24 | D.J. Shoemate (5-11, 218, Sr.) |
| LOT | 71 | Mike Ryan (6-5, 333, Sr.) |
| LOG | 65 | Gus Cruz (6-4, 274, Fr.) |
| C | 57 | Moe Petrus (6-2, 292, Sr.) |
| ROG | 70 | Gary Bardzak (6-3, 292, Sr.) |
| ROT | 63 | Adams Masters (6-4, 283, Jr.) |
| TE | 94 | Ryan Griffin (6-6, 243, Jr.) |
| WR | 80 | Mike Smith (6-0, 202, Sr.) |
| WR | 6 | Kashif Moore (5-9, 180, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 91 | Jesse Joseph (6-3, 255, Jr.) |
| LDT | 99 | Kendall Reyes (6-4, 298, Sr.) |
| RDT | 4 | Twyon Martin (6-2, 292, Sr.) |
| RDE | 48 | Trevardo Williams (6-1, 225, Jr.) |
| SLB | 28 | Jory Johnson (6-1, 227, Jr.) |
| MLB | 55 | Jerome Williams (5-11, 233, Jr.) |
| WLB | 3 | Sio Moore (6-1, 230, Jr.) |
| LCB | 5 | Blidi Wreh-Wilson (6-0, 191, Jr.) |
| RCB | 7 | Dwayne Gratz (6-0, 187, Jr.) |
| FS | 25 | Harris Agbor (5-11, 183, Sr.) |
| SS | 15 | Jerome Junior (6-1, 215, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|-------------------------------|
| K | 38 | Dave Teggart (6-0, 207, Sr.) |
| P | 13 | Chad Christen (6-1, 203, So.) |



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| S.1 | Fordham | |
| S.10 | @VANDERBILT | 40-21 |
| S.16 | Iowa State | |
| S.24 | @BUFFALO | 45-21 |
| O.1 | Western Michigan | |
| O.8 | @WEST VIRGINIA | 16-13 (OT) |
| O.15 | South Florida | 19-16 |
| O.26 | @PITTSBURGH | 30-28 |
| N.5 | Syracuse | 23-6 |
| N.19 | Louisville | 0-26 |
| N.26 | Rutgers | 24-27 |
| D.3 | @CINCINNATI | 38-17 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

- 1 ▶ Kenton Adeyemi: DE, 6-5, 255
Adeyemi, who enrolled early after a year at a prep school at Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy, has a ton of physical upside and is a good athlete.
- 2 ▶ Dalton Gifford: G, 6-6, 285
Another early enrollee out of the Bridgton Academy in Maine, Gifford played offensive tackle on the high school level.
- 3 ▶ Michael Nebrich: QB, 6-5, 190
An accurate passer with nice touch, he enrolled early after leaving Burke (Va.) Lake Braddock as the state's all-time leader in all-purpose yards (4,968).
- 4 ▶ Deshon Foxx: RB, 5-10, 170
Foxx scored 29 touchdowns as a senior and earned Class 2A All-State honors in Virginia.
- 5 ▶ Max DeLorenzo: RB, 6-0, 179
DeLorenzo dominated the competition as a rusher for Berlin (Conn.) High, gaining 5,040 yards in his prep career.

RUTGERS



SCARLET KNIGHTS

BIG EAST

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| QB | 19 | Chas Dodd (6-0, 197, So.) |
| FB | 38 | Joe Martinek (6-0, 215, Sr.) |
| RB | 18 | Jeremy Deering (6-2, 203, So.) |
| LOT | 73 | Desmond Stapleton (6-5, 285, Sr.) |
| LOG | 70 | Desmond Wynn (6-6, 290, Sr.) |
| C | 65 | Dallas Hendrikson (6-2, 295, Jr.) |
| ROG | 60 | Caleb Ruch (6-4, 290, Sr.) |
| ROT | 66 | Andre Civil (6-3, 256, So.) |
| TE | 10 | D.C. Jefferson (6-6, 258, Jr.) |
| WR | 81 | Mark Harrison (6-3, 230, Jr.) |
| WR | 6 | Mohamed Sanu (6-2, 218, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 91 | Justin Francis (6-4, 262, Sr.) |
| LDT | 94 | Scott Vallone (6-3, 270, Jr.) |
| RDT | 90 | Mike Larow (6-4, 252, So.) |
| RDE | 51 | Manny Abreu (6-3, 245, Sr.) |
| SLB | 13 | Ka'Lil Glaud (6-2, 223, Jr.) |
| MLB | 42 | Steve Beauharnais (6-2, 230, Jr.) |
| WLB | 20 | Khaseem Greene (6-1, 215, Jr.) |
| LCB | 4 | David Rowe (6-0, 196, Sr.) |
| RCB | 12 | Marcus Cooper (6-2, 185, Jr.) |
| FS | 47 | Patrick Kivlehan (6-2, 211, Sr.) |
| SS | 32 | Duron Harmon (6-1, 198, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|---------------------------------|
| K | 1 | San San Te (5-9, 180, Sr.) |
| P | 16 | Anthony DiPaula (6-1, 215, Fr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 Savon Huggins: RB, 6-0, 190

One of the top running backs in the country, the Jersey City (N.J.) St. Peter's Prep standout spurned offers from most of the nation's top programs to stay close to home.

2 Al Page: DT, 6-3, 290

This dominant defensive tackle missed most of his senior season with injury, but he's a disruptive player when he's on.

3 Miles Shuler: WR, 5-11, 180

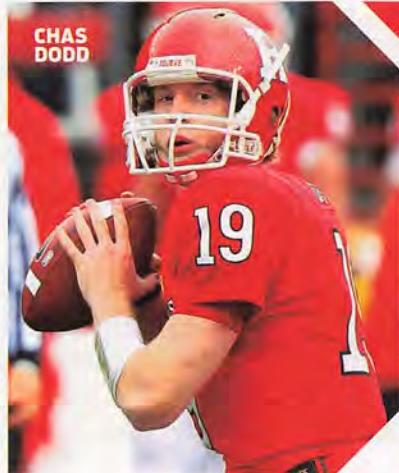
Also a track star, Shuler is one of the fastest incoming freshmen in the nation.

4 Djwan Mera: DE, 6-4, 230

Mera is an outstanding pass rusher who went to prep school at Hargrave (Va.) Military Academy.

5 Marquise Wright: DT, 6-3, 275

Originally committed to Pittsburgh, he had 52 tackles—including 19 for loss—as a senior at Paramus (N.J.) Catholic.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-----------------|------------|
| S.1 | N.C. Central | |
| S.10 | @NORTH CAROLINA | 13-17 |
| S.24 | Ohio | |
| O.1 | @SYRACUSE | 10-13 |
| O.8 | Pittsburgh | 21-41 |
| O.15 | Navy | |
| O.21 | @LOUISVILLE | 13-40 |
| O.29 | West Virginia | 14-35 |
| N.5 | South Florida | 27-28 |
| N.12 | Army* | 23-20 (OT) |
| N.19 | Cincinnati | 38-69 |
| N.26 | @CONNECTICUT | 27-24 |
| * | at Bronx, N.Y. | |

COACH

Greg Schiano

11th year (59-63)

Career record: 59-63

Offensive coordinator:

Frank Cignetti (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Bob Fraser (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 4-8 BIG EAST: 1-6

Stadium: Rutgers Stadium (42,000)

Tickets: 866-445-GORU

Site: Piscataway, N.J.

Official athletic Web site:

www.scarletknights.com

A year ago Rutgers was coming off its fifth straight bowl appearance and could boast the Big East's most promising quarterback in Tom Savage, plus the league's most experienced coach in Greg Schiano.

At least the Scarlet Knights still have Schiano, whose 11-season tenure has to be considered an eternity in the Big East. Rutgers won just one conference game in 2010, lost at home to Tulane and squeaked by Army in overtime. Savage bombed as a sophomore, later transferring, and the Knights endured the loss of defensive tackle Eric LeGrand, who suffered a severe spinal cord injury during the Army game.

LeGrand has since regained movement in his shoulders and sensation in the rest of his body. The outpouring of support for the 20-year-old, his upbeat attitude and "believe" motto make this one of the more inspirational stories in college football.

The Knights return 17 starters and should have a new look on offense with first-year coordinator Frank Cignetti, formerly of Pitt, installing a pro-style attack.

Quarterback Chas Dodd started seven games as a true freshman and led the team to victories against Connecticut and Army. He has numerous weapons, beginning with junior receivers Mark Harrison and Mohamed Sanu. Among returning Big East receivers, Harrison ranks first in touchdowns (9) and yards per catch (18.8) and second in yards (829).

So deep is the receiving corps that sophomore Jeremy Deering moved from wideout to running back. He thrived in the Wildcat formation in 2010, rushing for 361 yards and two touchdowns.

Joe Martinek, who rushed for 967 yards in 2009 before suffering an ankle injury in the second game of 2010, has moved to fullback, a more prominent position in Cignetti's system. So too is tight end, where D.C. Jefferson, a one-time quarterback for the Knights, caught 10 passes for 166 yards last season.

Defensively, Rutgers must replace six starters, including the two top tacklers. Scott Vallone, a junior, is starting at tackle for a third straight year, while Manny Abreu moves from strong-side linebacker to defensive end. Steve Beauharnais started all 12 games in the middle last season and is the team's top returning tackler (79).

A year ago, Schiano had success moving Marcus Cooper from wide receiver to corner and has shifted another skill-position player to corner in tailback Jordan Thomas, who led the Knights in rushing (417 yards) last season as a true freshman. That could mean a move by two-year starter David Rowe to safety.

San San Te ranks sixth among active kickers with 44 field goals.

GAME-CHANGER

Khaseem Greene, OLB

Greene has developed a reputation as one of the league's hardest hitters, something that should only grow this season as he moves from free safety to weakside linebacker. The junior has all of the physical attributes to thrive in the new role and led the Knights with three interceptions in 2010.

BIG

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

STOCK REPORT UP DOWN STEADY
BOWL PROJECTIONS

Leaders

- 1 OHIO STATE
Rose Bowl
- 2 PENN STATE
Capital One Bowl
- 3 WISCONSIN
Insight Bowl
- 4 PURDUE
Las Vegas Bowl
- 5 ILLINOIS
- 6 INDIANA

Legends

- 1 NEBRASKA
Outback Bowl
- 2 NORTHWESTERN
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
- 3 MICHIGAN STATE
Dallas Football Classic
- 4 IOWA
Gator Bowl
- 5 MICHIGAN
Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas
- 6 MINNESOTA

TRENDING

1 With Nebraska's return and Brady Hoke's arrival at Michigan, the league is getting more run-oriented than ever before. Old-style Big Ten football is definitely in vogue.



Despite brave new world, an undercurrent of tension

By Michael Bradley

The Big Ten would like everyone to believe that it is moving into its first season with 12 teams and two divisions smoothly and ready for a bright future. After all, Ohio State won a BCS bowl—against an actual SEC team—last January, and the arrival of Nebraska gives the league another traditional powerhouse. Further, the continued success of the Big Ten Network has made the league the envy of bottom-line types all around college athletics.

But while times should be fat throughout the league's campuses, an undercurrent of concern flows through the league's happy new look. Yes, the Buckeyes won the Sugar Bowl, but the fact that they deferred the suspension of five players (including starting QB Terrelle Pryor) to allow that group to participate in the game led many to believe that the conference was more interested in winning than maintaining integrity.

Also, the overt, winning-is-everything attitude displayed by Ohio State when dealing with head coach Jim Tressel—who was found to have covered up knowledge of the five players' trading memorabilia for cash and free tattoos—gave further credence to criticisms of the league and its members' priorities.

The Big Ten couldn't even handle the

splitting of its 12 teams into divisions without problems. Instead of going East and West or some other reasonable designation, it went with "Legends" and "Leaders," spawning a torrent of criticism. Add in the ignominious departure of Rich Rodriguez from longtime league stalwart (and recent whipping boy) Michigan and the problems at Iowa with drugs and Draconian work-outs, and there are some image problems that need to be addressed.

Fortunately for the league, the arrival of Nebraska helps cleanse some of the dirt away. Adding the Cornhuskers to recent thriving programs such as Ohio State, Penn State, Wisconsin, Iowa and (the league hopes) Michigan will give the Big Ten more heft nationally. The made-for-TV league title game will also help, adding another week to the schedule and about \$10 million to the league coffers.

Nebraska isn't the only new thing around the league. Michigan (Brady Hoke), Minnesota (Jerry Kill) and Indiana (Kevin Wilson) have new coaches who hope to elevate the teams' fortunes.

It's a new world for the Big Ten and, while many around the country envy the conference's success and prosperity, there are others hoping it can simply clean its house and move forward without any trouble or scandal.

2 The race for 2011 Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year should be a hot one, especially if Ohio State's Terrelle Pryor comes back from his suspension with a vengeance.

3 Nebraska's arrival slows the league realignment carousel for the moment, but there's no doubt more motion is in store down the road (Missouri and Pittsburgh?).

RATING THE BIG TEN

► FASTEST RECEIVER

Derek Moyer, Penn State
Sprinter's speed makes him a threat to get deep often.

► BEST HANDS

Damarlo Belcher, WR, Indiana
A great, reliable target for whoever ends up under center at Indiana.

► BEST PASSING QB

Kirk Cousins, Michigan State
For sheer dropback talent, Cousins is your man. He's accurate and able to go downfield.

► BEST RUNNING QB

Denard Robinson, Michigan
Just try to catch him once he gets out of the pocket. It's impossible.

► MOST ELUSIVE RB

James White, Wisconsin
Though he's no scatback, White is still tough to get a clean shot at anywhere on the field.

► BEST INSTINCTS

Denard Robinson, QB, Michigan
He's practically impossible to corral in the pocket, and knows exactly where to go in the open field.

► BEST ATHLETE

Terrelle Pryor, QB, Ohio State
He's 6-6 and can still run like the wind. He would get serious time for the Buckeyes' hoops team, too.

► BEST UNDER PRESSURE

Dan Persa, QB, Northwestern
He makes great decisions and knows exactly where to go with the ball when trouble starts.

► TOP NFL PROSPECT

Terrelle Pryor, QB, Ohio State
Has the size and athletic ability—not to mention scads of potential—to intoxicate NFL GMs.

► TOP IMPACT FROSH

Delonte Hollowell, CB, Michigan
The Wolverines need immediate help in the secondary, and Hollowell can provide it.

► HARDEST HITTER

Lavonte David, LB, Nebraska
He will find you. He will hit you. You will feel it.

► BIGGEST OVERACHIEVER

Jordan Kovacs, S, Michigan
Not the fastest guy around, but he registered 116 tackles last year.

► BEST INTERVIEW

Brady Hoke, Michigan
He's funny, straightforward, expansive and interesting. That's all you need.

► BEST COACH

Kirk Ferentz, Iowa
Annually does more with less than anyone in the league.

► BEST RECRUITER

Tom Bradley, Penn State
If Bradley had left the Nittany Lions to become a head coach, it would have hurt.

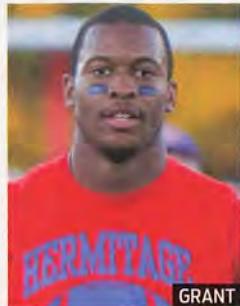
► BEST ROAD TRIP

Nebraska
Cornhusker fans treat visitors with respect, and the video preceding Nebraska's team taking the field is not to be missed.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP *by Brian McLaughlin, Sporting News*

1 ► OHIO STATE

What's new? The Buckeyes continue to stockpile talent, and this time around it includes QB Braxton Miller and LB Curtis Grant. **2 ► IOWA** The Hawkeyes did a good job of finding hard-working types in this class. Offensive lineman Austin Blythe, TE Ray Hamilton and RB Rodney Coe fit the bill.



3 ► NEBRASKA Even with a conference change, the Cornhuskers hoarded talent. Offensive linemen Ryan Klachko, Tyler Moore and Ryne Reeves fit the Huskers' style.

4 ► MICHIGAN STATE The gem of the Spartans' class of 21 signees is LB Lawrence Thomas, who everybody in the country was pursuing.

5 ► MICHIGAN While coaching changes decimated major programs around the country, the Wolverines

kept things glued together. Tight end Chris Barnett is a good get.

6 ► PENN STATE It was a bit of quiet year by Penn State recruiting standards (16 signees), but the Nittany Lions closed strong. Expect a big class next year.

7 ► WISCONSIN The Badgers inked 20 players, and LB Jake Keefer is a good example of the kind of player who lives to play at Wisconsin.

8 ► ILLINOIS This was a very big signing class (27) for the Fighting Illini, and DB Dondi Kirby was the best of the bunch.

9 ► INDIANA The Hoosiers recruited quite well by their own standards; the addition of wideout Shane Wynn was their big pickup.

10 ► PURDUE It was a tiny class for the Boilermakers (15), but seven of those recruits came from the hotbeds of California, Florida and Texas.

11 ► MINNESOTA The Golden Gophers love the talent of Floridian Steven Montgomery at safety. He had a ton of closer options.

12 ► NORTHWESTERN Wide receiver Christian Jones had all kinds of offers, but will bring his 6-3 frame to Northwestern.

ALL-BIG TEN

OFFENSE

- QB** Dan Persa, Sr., Northwestern
- RB** James White, So., Wisconsin
- RB** Rex Burkhead, Jr., Nebraska
- DL** Riley Reiff, Jr., Iowa
- OL** Joel Foreman, Sr., Michigan State
- OL** Mike Brewster, Sr., Ohio State
- OL** Mike Adams, Sr., Ohio State
- OL** David Molk, Sr., Michigan
- TE** Kyler Reed, Jr., Nebraska
- WR** Jeremy Ebert, Sr., Northwestern
- WR** Roy Roundtree, Jr., Michigan

DEFENSE

- DL** Vince Browne, Sr., Northwestern
- DL** Mike Martin, Sr., Michigan
- DL** Jared Crick, Sr., Nebraska
- DL** Broderick Binns, Sr., Iowa
- LB** Michael Mauti, Jr., Penn State
- LB** Chris Borland, So., Wisconsin
- LB** Lavonte David, Sr., Nebraska
- DB** Antonio Fenelus, Sr., Wisconsin
- DB** Alfonzo Dennard, Sr., Nebraska
- DB** Brian Peters, Sr., Northwestern
- DB** Trenton Robinson, Sr., Michigan State

SPECIALISTS

- K** Dan Conroy, Jr., Michigan State
- P** Cody Webster, So., Purdue



ASCENDING

MICHIGAN

The Wolverines will need a little time to get back to Big Ten prominence, but new coach Brady Hoke has a good staff and impressive facilities to use in recruiting, along with more talent than you think.



DESCENDING

IOWA

The Hawkeyes took hits to their personnel and reputation during the offseason and must hope their renowned ability to develop unheralded players continues.



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OHIO STATE



BIG TEN LEADERS



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| S.3 | Akron | |
| S.10 | Toledo | |
| S.17 | @MIAMI (Fla.) | 36-24 |
| S.24 | Colorado | |
| O.1 | Michigan State | |
| O.8 | @NEBRASKA | |
| O.15 | @ILLINOIS | 24-13 |
| O.29 | Wisconsin | 18-31 |
| N.5 | Indiana | 38-10 |
| N.12 | @PURDUE | 49-0 |
| N.19 | Penn State | 38-14 |
| N.26 | @MICHIGAN | 37-7 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Jim Tressel

11th year (106-22)

Career record: 106-22 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

Jim Bollman (11th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Jim Heacock (7th year) and Luke Fickell (7th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 12-1 **BIG TEN:** 7-1
(beat Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl,
31-26)

Stadium: Ohio Stadium (102,329)
Tickets: 800-GO-BUCKS
Site: Columbus
Official athletic Web site:
www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com

BUCKEYES

TERRELLE PRYOR



For those Buckeye fans basking in the glow of the team's Sugar Bowl win and the vanquishing (for once) of a top SEC team, the past several months had to have been excruciating.

Thanks to Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany's intervention, Ohio State was taken off double-secret probation to play in the Sugar Bowl, even though it was discovered that five members of the team traded memorabilia and other items for cash and prizes. Given that reprieve, Ohio State knocked off Arkansas (a second-rate SEC power, really), and there was much rejoicing throughout the Rust Belt.

Then came the storm. And it still hasn't abated, since the NCAA has yet to weigh in on the penalties imposed upon coach Jim Tressel by himself and the school. Despite the transgressions, Ohio State fans remain loyal to their coach and the players, and many feel that once the suspensions are lifted, it will be business as usual again in Columbus, and all will be well.

While pundits debate whether the Buckeyes will be able to move forward without residual problems, the business of the 2011 season continues. While Tressel serves his time (for

now, it's a five-game suspension, mirroring the sentence handed out to the five players), assistant Luke Fickell will assume the reins.

The real question about the Buckeyes' suspensions is whether the players—quarterback Terrelle Pryor, receiver DeVier Posey, offensive tackle Mike Adams, defensive end Solomon Thomas and running back Dan Herron—will return ready to release the pent-up frustration of having to watch their teammates play for the first month of the year, or if they come back trying to improve their individual NFL draft stocks and forget to play a team game.

There is also the issue of their replacements. While Ohio State has fortifications ready for most of the positions affected, there is no denying the impact of Pryor's absence.

Last year, he threw for 2,772 yards and 27 touchdowns and ran for 754 yards and four scores. Though still a victim of some bad decisions at times (11 interceptions), Pryor has a rare size and talent blend that allows him to create opportunities and thrive with his arm and legs. In short, he's the perfect triggerman for the Buckeyes' spread attack.



The competition to replace Pryor for the first five games is an interesting one, because it features a disparate group of candidates. Senior Joe Bauserman is a smart QB who doesn't have great size (6-1, 233) and can't run like Pryor. But Bauserman represents the safest option, one who tries to keep things steady until the reinforcements come around. Sophomore Ken Guiton is a dual-threat type who put up some big numbers in high school and has the ability to run or throw. The X-factor is true freshman Braxton Miller, who is the closest thing to the ideal Ohio State quarterback. The 6-3 Miller can run or pass, and he arrived on campus in January to learn the offense.

Without Herron, the running back situation is a little muddled. Jaamal Berry, who ran for 266 yards last year, is the likely temporary replacement, while junior Jordan Hall and sophomore Carlos Hyde will get work, too.

Adding to the misery of Posey's (53 catches, 7 TDs) suspension is the fact that last year's leading receiver, Dane Sanzenbacher, has graduated, so the new starting QB won't have the luxury of an experienced crew of targets. Sophomores Chris Fields, Corey Brown and James Louis all saw time last year, while 6-5 redshirt freshman T.Y. Williams has promise. Last year's top two tight ends, Jake Stoneburner (21 catches) and Reid Fragel (9) both return.

The defense wasn't hit as hard by the suspensions, but it did lose plenty of talent to graduation. Eight starters are gone from the nation's fourth-best total defense in 2010, leaving many holes. Senior end Nathan Williams, junior tackle John Simon, senior strongside linebacker Tony Jackson and junior safety Orhian Johnson are the holdovers, giving OSU some experience at every level. But many others have to step up quickly.

Adam Bellamy is in the mix at end, while Garrett Goebel and Johnathan Hankins are the leaders at the tackle spots. Junior Etienne Sabino is the likely middle linebacker, while Andrew Sweat should get the weakside position. The secondary needs help, since everybody is gone outside of Johnson.

RECRUITING REPORT

Checking in at No. 10 in the 247Sports national recruiting rankings (and No. 1 in the Big Ten), the Buckeyes signed 24 prospects. Ohio State loaded up on the defensive side of the ball and also landed its quarterback of the future in Under Armour All-American Braxton Miller.

From Wayne (Ohio) High, the 6-3, 185-pound Miller was the nation's second-ranked dual-threat passer and was one of nine Top247 prospects to ink with the Buckeyes. The versatile playmaker led his team to the state championship game as a senior, and could step in and earn the starting role in Columbus while senior quarterback Terrelle Pryor is suspended for the first five games of the season.

Hermitage (Va.) High inside linebacker Curtis Grant chose Ohio State over many of the nation's top programs on National Signing Day.

Complementing Grant is Plantation (Fla.) High linebacker Ryan Shazier, who was once committed to Florida.

In-state defensive linemen Michael Bennett, Kenny Hayes, Steve Miller and Chase Farris will help keep up Ohio State's strong tradition in the trenches. Cornerback Doran Grant was also one of the nation's most sought-after players at his position.

Miller wasn't the only offensive weapon coach Jim Tressel and his staff signed. Westerville Central (Ohio) High tight end Nick Vannett already has NFL size, William Fremd (Ill.) High prospect Brian Bobek looks to be the Buckeyes' center of the future and Vernon Hills (Ill.) High receiver Evan Spencer is an Ohio State legacy (he's the son of former Buckeyes running back and assistant coach Tim Spencer).

—Steve Wiltfong, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 2 | Terrelle Pryor (6-6, 233, Sr.) |
| | 14 | Joe Bauserman (6-1, 233, Sr.) |
| FB | 44 | Zach Boren (6-0, 252, Jr.) |
| | 34 | Carlos Hyde (6-0, 238, So.) |
| RB | 1 | Dan Herron (5-10, 205, Sr.) |
| | 4 | Jaamal Berry (5-10, 200, So.) |
| LOT | 75 | Mike Adams (6-8, 308, Sr.) |
| | 55 | Tommy Brown (6-5, 320, Fr.) |
| LOG | 79 | Marcus Hall (6-5, 315, So.) |
| | 78 | Andrew Norwell (6-5, 302, So.) |
| C | 50 | Mike Brewster (6-5, 305, Sr.) |
| | 69 | Eric Kramer (6-4, 270, So.) |
| ROG | 71 | Corey Linsley (6-2, 310, So.) |
| | 74 | Jack Mewhort (6-6, 303, So.) |
| ROT | 76 | J.B. Shugarts (6-7, 300, Sr.) |
| | 64 | Ivan Blackman (6-3, 322, So.) |
| TE | 11 | Jake Stoneburner (6-5, 245, Jr.) |
| | 88 | Reid Fragel (6-8, 260, Jr.) |
| WR | 80 | Chris Fields (6-0, 180, So.) |
| | 10 | Corey Brown (5-11, 182, So.) |
| WR | 8 | DeVier Posey (6-2, 210, Sr.) |
| | 6 | James Louis (5-10, 180, Fr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 43 | Nathan Williams (6-3, 255, Sr.) |
| | 98 | Solomon Thomas (6-5, 245, Sr.) |
| LDT | 53 | Garrett Goebel (6-3, 290, Jr.) |
| | 52 | Johnathan Hankins (6-3, 325, So.) |
| RDT | 54 | John Simon (6-2, 270, Jr.) |
| | 56 | Dalton Britt (6-2, 290, Jr.) |
| RDE | 93 | Adam Bellamy (6-4, 302, So.) |
| | 91 | Melvin Fellows (6-5, 270, So.) |
| SLB | 41 | Tony Jackson (5-10, 225, Sr.) |
| | 55 | Jonathan Newsome (6-3, 220, Jr.) |
| MLB | 6 | Etienne Sabino (6-3, 242, Jr.) |
| | 32 | Storm Klein (6-2, 240, Jr.) |
| WLB | 42 | Andrew Sweat (6-2, 235, Sr.) |
| | 55 | Jonathan Newsome (6-3, 220, Jr.) |
| LCB | 5 | Dominic Clarke (5-10, 191, So.) |
| | 8 | Dionte Allen (5-11, 185, Sr.) |
| RCB | 7 | Travis Howard (6-0, 190, Jr.) |
| | 20 | Nate Oliver (6-0, 215, Sr.) |
| FS | 21 | Jamie Wood (6-1, 200, So.) |
| | 2 | Christian Bryant (5-9, 190, So.) |
| SS | 19 | Orhian Johnson (6-2, 205, Jr.) |
| | 4 | C.J. Barnett (6-0, 190, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 24 | Drew Basil (6-1, 212, So.) |
| P | 17 | Ben Buchanan (6-0, 180, Jr.) |

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2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | OSU | OPP |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING | 504 | 186 |
| Points Per Game | 38.8 | 14.3 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 289 | 188 |
| Rushing | 146 | 73 |
| Passing | 130 | 102 |
| Penalty | 13 | 13 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2861 | 1257 |
| Yards gained rushing | 3126 | 1571 |
| Yards lost rushing | 265 | 314 |
| Rushing Attempts | 547 | 404 |
| Average Per Rush | 5.2 | 3.1 |
| Average Per Game | 220.1 | 96.7 |
| TDs Rushing | 27 | 9 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 2971 | 2152 |
| Att-Comp-Int | 228-349-13 | 207-385-19 |
| Average Per Pass | 8.5 | 5.6 |
| Average Per Catch | 13.0 | 10.4 |
| Average Per Game | 228.5 | 165.5 |
| TDs Passing | 30 | 9 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 5832 | 3409 |
| Total Plays | 896 | 789 |
| Average Per Play | 6.5 | 4.3 |
| Average Per Game | 448.6 | 262.2 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 40-1055 | 81-1737 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 30-289 | 16-168 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 19-311 | 13-103 |

| TEAM STATISTICS | OSU | OPP |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|
| KICK RETURN AVG. | 26.4 | 21.4 |
| PUNT RETURN AVG. | 9.6 | 10.5 |
| INT RETURN AVG. | 16.4 | 7.9 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 9-2 | 26-11 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 62-580 | 67-557 |
| Average Per Game | 44.6 | 42.8 |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 46-1805 | 74-3050 |
| Average Per Punt | 39.2 | 41.2 |
| Net punt average | 34.3 | 36.8 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 32:23 | 27:37 |
| 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 79/171 | 51/169 |
| 3rd-Down Pct. | 46% | 30% |
| 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 8/10 | 7/21 |
| 4th-Down Pct. | 80% | 33% |
| SACKS BY-YARDS | 23-164 | 22-133 |
| MISCYARDS | 0 | 64 |
| TDS SCORED | 63 | 22 |
| FG-ATTEMPTS | 20-26 | 10-17 |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | 62-62 | 20-21 |
| ATTENDANCE | 842221 | 263366 |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 8/105278 | 4/65842 |
| Neutral Site Games | 1/73879 | |

| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Ohio State | 131 | 181 | 98 | 94 | 0 | 504 |
| Opponent | 63 | 51 | 26 | 46 | 0 | 186 |

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BIG TEN LEADERS



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Indiana State | |
| S.10 | Alabama | 3-24 |
| S.17 | @TEMPLE | 22-13 |
| S.24 | Eastern Michigan | |
| O.1 | @INDIANA | 41-24 |
| O.8 | Iowa | 3-24 |
| O.15 | Purdue | |
| O.22 | @NORTHWESTERN | 35-21 |
| O.29 | Illinois | 13-33 |
| N.12 | Nebraska | |
| N.19 | @OHIO STATE | 14-38 |
| N.26 | @WISCONSIN | |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Joe Paterno

46th year (401-135-3)
Career record: 401-135-3

Offensive coordinator:

Galen Hall (8th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Tom Bradley (12th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 7-6 BIG TEN: 4-4
(lost to Florida in the Outback Bowl, 37-24)

Stadium: Beaver Stadium (107,282)

Tickets: 800-833-5533

Site: University Park

Official athletic Web site:

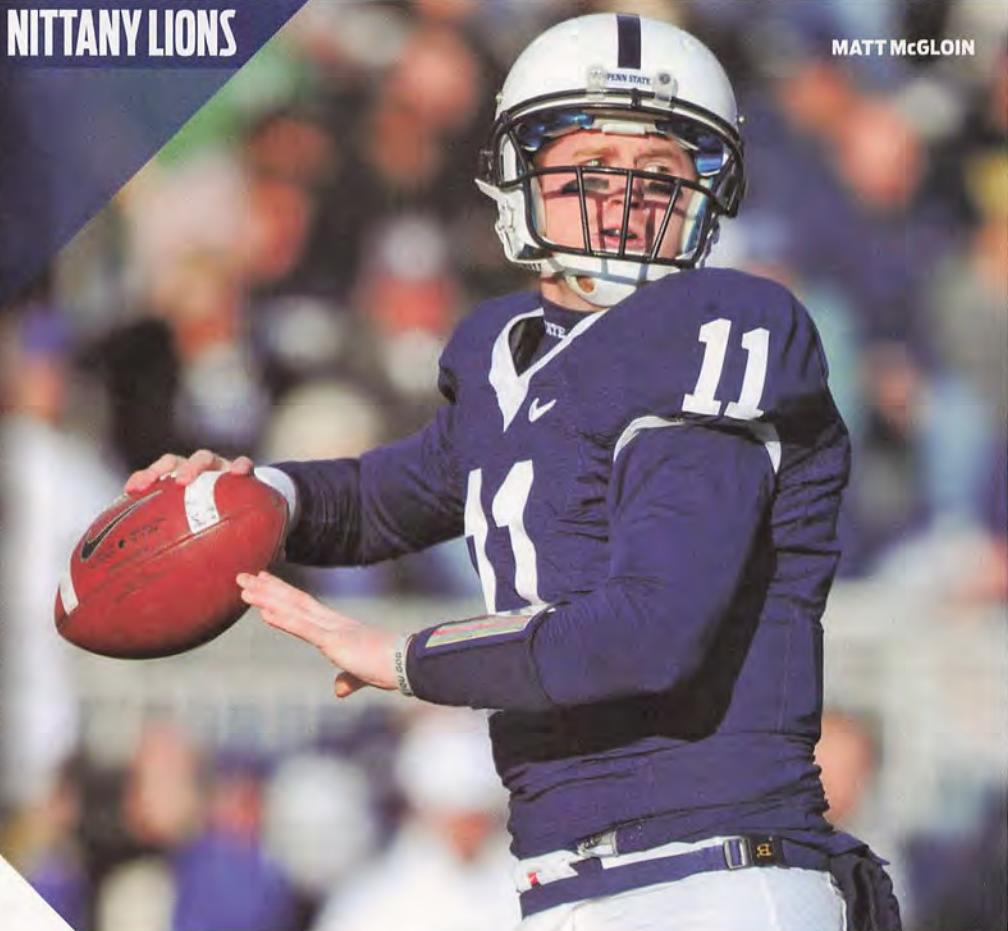
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PENN STATE



NITTANY LIONS

MATT McGLOIN



Another season is upon us, and that brings the usual question: Is this Joe Paterno's last time on Penn State's sideline? It has been relevant in the past, since age (Paterno turned 84 in December) and performance have given the "Joe must go" crowd reason to expect an end to his tenure before.

Paterno isn't getting any younger, and the Nittany Lions capped a mediocre 7-6 campaign by losing to Florida in the Outback Bowl. Compounding matters is that 2011 marks the final year of Paterno's current contract.

However, Paterno doesn't want to address anything about his tenure. To him, coaching at Penn State ends when his mind or body gives out, not when some preordained date on a piece of paper arrives.

So here we are, trying to assess another Paterno team and answering the same questions that have been circulating for the past 10 years. With each passing year, crafting a succession plan becomes less and less possible, since the nation's "hot" coaches and likely replacements (Greg Schiano, Kirk Ferentz, etc.) wax and wane. All we can do is live in the

moment and think about 2011, which is just as Paterno wants it.

The Lions return plenty of talent on both sides of the ball, even though there were some appreciable losses (guard Stefen Wisniewski, defensive tackle Ollie Ogbu and linebacker Chris Colasanti among them) and lingering QB questions.

The defense should be better than last year, when runners frolicked for 4.5 yards per carry and opposing QBs completed 60.9 percent of their passes against the Nittany Lions. And although the spring featured an interesting struggle under center with the requisite athletic performances and plenty of should-I-stay-or-should-I-go drama, the offense has the potential to be robust.

Since this is Penn State, we start with the defense. Ogbu and his 8.5 tackles for loss are gone, and spring brought the bad news that starting defensive end Pete Massaro had suffered another torn ACL and would miss the 2011 campaign. That means seniors Devon Still (4 sacks), Jack Crawford (2) and Kevion Latham must anchor the front four, while Jordan Hill



steps into Ogbu's spot.

Colosanti led the team in tackles last year and will be missed. Expect Michael Mauti, who was hurt at times last year but still managed 67 tackles, to take over in the middle. Senior Nate Stupar and junior Gerald Hodges will flank Mauti.

The defensive backfield is experienced but must produce more after registering just 10 interceptions last year. D'Anton Lynn (3 INTs) is a fixture at one corner, while Chaz Powell, who moved from receiver to cornerback last year, could be ready for a big season. Senior Drew Astorino is a hard-hitting strong safety, and Nick Sukay, who suffered a torn pectoral muscle halfway through last season but still registered three interceptions, plays a fine center field.

The QB issue dominates the offense. Sophomore Rob Bolden began last year under center but was replaced by Matt McGloin, for reasons Paterno has never really revealed. Neither was all that impressive, and Penn State's offensive problems stemmed from an inability to get the ball downfield and too many interceptions (17).

Bolden threatened to leave after the Outback Bowl, but Paterno denied his release from scholarship. McGloin is a pocket passer but lacks the big-play ability of Bolden. Paterno characterized the spring battle between McGloin and Bolden as neck-and-neck, and it might not be decided until the summer.

The running back position is flush, even though the school's all-time rushing leader, Evan Royster, is gone. Silas Redd (437 yards, 2 TDs) showed plenty of talent last year, and senior Stephfon Green is a reliable ballcarrier as well.

Derek Moye led the Nittany Lions last year with 53 catches and has the speed to get deep. Juniors Justin Brown (33 catches) and Devon Smith (27) can also go downfield. Tight end is a concern, because returnees Kevin Haplea and Nate Cadogan combined to catch just four passes in 2010.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Nittany Lions didn't land their first commitment until May, had just four by the end of July and failed to grab another pledge until November. That isn't an ideal way to put together a top recruiting class, but Joe Paterno and his staff rallied to finish with 16 signees—including three in 247Sports' Top 247.

Roxbury (N.J.) High standout Angelo Mangiro is the class jewel, checking in as the nation's second-ranked guard. Owings Mills (Md.) High's Donovan Smith and Cactus (Ariz.) High product Ryan Nowicki give the Nittany Lions two more difference-makers along the offensive line.

The strength of the class comes on the defensive line, led by Penn Wood (Pa.) High defensive end Shawn Oakman. A 6-9, 240-pound prospect, Oakman is the nation's ninth-ranked player at his position and has a great deal of physical upside.

The Penn State coaches were

pleasantly surprised when Ogemaw Heights (Mich.) High defensive end Anthony Zettel spurned in-state Michigan and Michigan State just after Christmas in favor of the Nittany Lions. There is a chance Zettel could end up playing guard on the offensive line. Northeast (Pa.) High defensive end Deion Barnes was another sought-after prospect and gives Penn State a nice rotation of ends in this incoming class.

Athlete Bill Belton decommitted from Pittsburgh following the Panthers' coaching change and signed with Penn State over West Virginia. Keep an eye on St. Mary's (Mich.) Prep receiver Allen Robinson (6-3, 190), who was a late bloomer physically. He could also play safety in Happy Valley.

It wasn't all good news for the Nittany Lions, though, as they lost Abraham Lincoln (N.Y.) High blue-chipper Ishaq Williams to Notre Dame.

—Steve Wiltfong, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------------|
| QB | 11 | Matt McGloin (6-1, 209, Jr.) |
| | 1 | Rob Bolden (6-4, 211, So.) |
| FB | 37 | Joe Suhey (6-1, 219, Sr.) |
| | 9 | Mike Zordich (6-1, 242, Jr.) |
| RB | 25 | Silas Redd (5-10, 201, So.) |
| | 21 | Stephon Green (5-10, 198, Sr.) |
| LOT | 67 | Quinn Barham (6-3, 302, Sr.) |
| | 78 | Mike Farrell (6-6, 303, Jr.) |
| LOG | 74 | Johnnie Troutman (6-4, 323, Sr.) |
| | 75 | Eric Shreve (6-6, 302, So.) |
| C | 54 | Matt Stankiewicz (6-3, 296, Jr.) |
| | 60 | Ty Howle (6-0, 289, So.) |
| ROG | 64 | John Urschel (6-3, 284, So.) |
| | 50 | DeOntae Pannell (6-5, 316, Sr.) |
| ROT | 52 | Chima Okoli (6-4, 301, Sr.) |
| | 58 | Adam Gress (6-6, 290, So.) |
| TE | 10 | Kevin Haplea (6-4, 250, So.) |
| | 92 | Nate Cadogan (6-5, 286, So.) |
| WR | 19 | Justin Brown (6-3, 214, Jr.) |
| | 20 | Devon Smith (5-7, 157, Jr.) |
| WR | 6 | Derek Moye (6-5, 202, Sr.) |
| | 85 | Brandon Moseby-Felder (6-2, 185, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---|
| LDE | 81 | Jack Crawford (6-5, 265, Sr.) |
| | 56 | Eric Latimore (6-6, 278, Sr.) |
| LDT | 71 | Devon Still (6-5, 305, Sr.) |
| | 93 | James Terry (6-3, 317, Jr.) |
| RDT | 47 | Jordan Hill (6-1, 316, Jr.) |
| | 91 | DaQuan Jones (6-3, 316, So.) |
| RDE | 44 | Kevion Latham (6-2, 252, Sr.) |
| | 90 | Sean Stanley (6-1, 245, Jr.) |
| SLB | 34 | Nate Stupar (6-1, 239, Sr.) |
| | 43 | Mike Hull (6-0, 219, Fr.) |
| MLB | 42 | Michael Mauti (6-2, 234, Jr.) |
| | 40 | Glenn Carson (6-3, 240, Fr.) |
| WLB | 6 | Gerald Hodges (6-2, 234, Jr.) |
| | 11 | Khairi Fortt (6-2, 227, So.) |
| LCB | 8 | D'Anton Lynn (6-1, 210, Sr.) |
| | 12 | Stephon Morris (5-8, 189, Jr.) |
| RCB | 2 | Chaz Powell (6-1, 198, Sr.) |
| | 14 | Mike Wallace (5-9, 189, So.) |
| FS | 1 | Nick Sukay (6-1, 207, Sr.) |
| | 10 | Malcolm Willis (5-11, 212, So.) |
| SS | 28 | Drew Astorino (5-10, 202, Sr.) |
| | 7 | Stephen Obeng-Agyapong (5-10, 206, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|-----------------------------------|
| K | 30 | Anthony Fera (6-2, 215, So.) |
| P | 45 | Alex Butterworth (5-10, 199, So.) |

GAME-CHANGER

Michael Mauti, LB

Even though he didn't start at all last season, Mauti still registered 67 tackles. On a defense that was too easy to run through in 2010, Mauti's emergence as a playmaker this season will mean a lot. He has good bloodlines—his father, Rich, played at Penn State from 1974-76—and the ability to make plays all over the field.

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Matt McGloin

GP Effic. Att-Cmp-Int Pct. Yds. TD Avg./G

9 128.5 215-118-9 54.9 1548 14 172.0

RUSHING

GP Att. Net Avg. TD Avg./G

Silas Redd 12 77 437 5.7 2 36.4

RECEIVING

GP No. Yds. Avg. TD Avg./G

Derek Moye 13 53 885 16.7 8 68.1

DEFENSE

TACKLES

GP Solo Assist Total

D'Anton Lynn 13 38 37 75

SACKS

GP No. Yds. Yards

Devon Still 13 40 19

INTERCEPTIONS

No. Yards Avg. TD

D'Anton Lynn 3 58 19.3 0

Nick Sukay 3 19 6.3 0

TEAM STATISTICS PSU OPP

SCORING 319 308

Points Per Game 24.5 23.7

FIRST DOWNS 250 234

Rushing 100 115

Passing 136 109

Penalty 14 10

RUSHING YARDAGE 1853 2153

Yards gained rushing 2074 2401

Yards lost rushing 221 248

Rushing Attempts 448 483

Average Per Rush 4.1 4.5

Average Per Game 142.5 165.6

TDS Rushing 16 14

PASSING YARDAGE 2986 2356

Att-Comp-Int 236-425-17 214-351-10

Average Per Pass 7.0 6.7

Average Per Catch 12.7 11.0

Average Per Game 229.7 181.2

TDS Passing 19 19

TOTAL OFFENSE 4839 4509

Total Plays 873 834

Average Per Play 5.5 5.4

Average Per Game 372.2 346.8

KICK RETURNS: #-YDS 57-1224 47-976

PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS 32-272 15-130

INT RETURNS: #-YDS 10-108 17-279

TEAM STATISTICS PSU OPP

KICK RETURN AVG. 21.5 20.8

PUNT RETURN AVG. 8.5 8.7

INT RETURN AVG. 10.8 16.4

FUMBLES-LOST 14-4 18-7

PENALTIES-YARDS 53-402 57-464

Average Per Game 30.9 35.7

PUNTS-YARDS 59-2362 68-2652

Average Per Punt 40.0 39.0

Net punt average 36.8 33.8

TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME 30:48 29:12

3RD-DOWN CONV. 79/189 51/161

3rd-Down Pct. 42% 32%

4TH-DOWN CONV. 8/17 8/20

4th-Down Pct. 47% 40%

SACKS BY-YARDS 17-86 12-123

MISC YARDS 0 0

TDS SCORED 37 39

FG-ATTEMPTS 20-25 12-15

PAT-ATTEMPTS 35-35 38-38

ATTENDANCE 729,636 326,551

Games/Avg Per Game 7/104,234 4/81,588

Neutral Site Games 2/69,682

SCORE BY QTRS 1st 2nd 3rd 4th OT Total

Penn State 71 91 78 79 0 319

Opponent 68 89 68 83 0 308

BIG
NEWS

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WISCONSIN

BIG TEN LEADERS

BADGERS



There are some who think last year's Rose Bowl run will be Wisconsin's high-water mark for a while, since the Badgers now have some big holes to fill.

Another trip to Pasadena seems unlikely this season, but don't think Wisconsin is ready to fall back into the also-ran department.

Sure, it will be difficult to replace QB Scott Tolzien, 2009 Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year John Clay, offensive linemen Gabe Carimi and John Moffitt, and defensive end J.J. Watt.

But Wisconsin will be a fire-breather atop the Big Ten standings once again.

The Badgers remain beholden to the power running game, a point driven home by James White (1,052 yards, 14 TDs) and Montee Ball (996, 18) in the backfield. Redshirt freshman Jeff Lewis could also emerge as a difference-maker.

Even without Carimi and Moffitt, the Badgers' offensive line will be strong. Returning starters Peter Konz (center) and Kevin Zeitler (right guard) are stout, as is All-Big Ten honorable mention Ricky Wagner.

Replacing Tolzien won't be easy. Sophomore Jon Budmayr is the prime candidate at quarterback.

Senior Nick Toon (36 catches, 3 TDs) missed spring drills to rehab his broken left foot, but he should be back to lead the receiving corps, which includes Jared Abbrederis (20, 3).

The loss of Lance Kendricks at tight end is big, with Jake Byrne or Jacob Pedersen the likely replacement.

The Badgers' defense is in great shape, despite Watt's departure. Sophomore Pat Muldoon should step up, after showing the ability to get behind enemy lines last year. Tackles Patrick Butrym, Beau Allen, Ethan Hemer and Jordan Kohout form a strong rotation, while Louis Nzegwu is a veteran end who made 7.5 tackles for loss last year.

The linebacking corps will be young, with sophomore Ethan Armstrong moving to middle linebacker, while Mike Taylor (58 tackles) takes the weak side. Chris Borland, the 2009 Big Ten Freshman of the Year, missed the spring with a shoulder injury and will compete in the middle this summer. A.J. Fenton should handle the strong side.

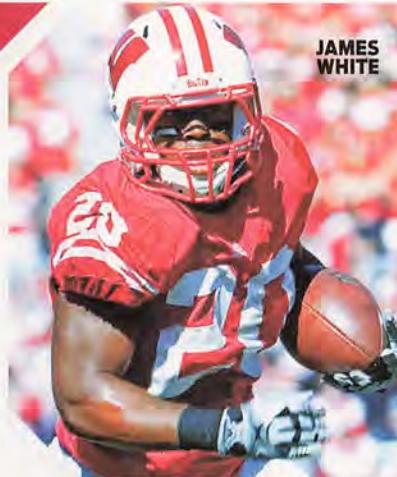
All-Big Ten corner Antonio Fenelus anchors the secondary, but the Badgers need Devin Smith to step up on the other side. Aaron Henry had a second-team All-Big Ten season at free safety last year, while Shelton Johnson is expected to start at strong safety.

The special teams are in good shape, thanks to Brad Nortman, who averaged 42.7 yards last year, and Philip Welch (17 of 22 field goals).

GAME-CHANGER

Jon Budmayr, QB

Everybody knows the Badgers will run the ball, but a big part of last year's run to success was QB Scott Tolzien's accuracy and leadership. It's now up to Budmayr to handle that role. He may share the spot at times with Curt Phillips, but Budmayr must provide a reliable passing complement to the Badgers' ground attack if they want to have any chance of contention.



JAMES
WHITE

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| QB | 5 | Jon Budmayr (6-0, 195, So.) |
| FB | 34 | Bradie Ewing (6-0, 231, Jr.) |
| RB | 28 | Montee Ball (5-11, 214, So.) |
| LOT | 58 | Ricky Wagner (6-6, 322, So.) |
| LOG | 72 | Travis Frederick (6-4, 338, Sr.) |
| C | 66 | Peter Konz (6-5, 313, So.) |
| ROG | 70 | Kevin Zeitler (6-4, 317, Jr.) |
| ROT | 78 | Rob Havenstein (6-8, 343, Fr.) |
| TE | 82 | Jake Byrne (6-4, 253, Jr.) |
| WR | 4 | Jared Abbrederis (6-10, 180, Fr.) |
| WR | 1 | Nick Toon (6-3, 213, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| LDE | 93 | Louis Nzegwu (6-4, 245, Jr.) |
| LDT | 95 | Patrick Butrym (6-4, 285, Jr.) |
| RDT | 91 | Jordan Kohout (6-3, 285, Fr.) |
| RDE | 92 | Pat Muldoon (6-3, 258, So.) |
| SLB | 17 | A.J. Fenton (6-1, 232, So.) |
| MLB | 36 | Ethan Armstrong (6-2, 223, So.) |
| WLB | 53 | Mike Taylor (6-2, 225, So.) |
| LCB | 10 | Devin Smith (5-11, 185, Jr.) |
| RCB | 26 | Antonio Fenelus (5-9, 193, Jr.) |
| FS | 7 | Aaron Henry (6-0, 211, Jr.) |
| SS | 24 | Shelton Johnson (6-0, 186, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 18 | Philip Welch (6-3, 213, Jr.) |
| P | 98 | Brad Nortman (6-3, 214, Jr.) |



SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT '10 RESULT

| | | |
|------|---------------------|-------|
| 5.3 | UNLV | 41-21 |
| 5.10 | Oregon State | |
| 5.17 | @NORTHERN ILLINOIS* | |
| 5.24 | South Dakota | |
| 6.1 | Nebraska | |
| 6.15 | Indiana | 83-20 |
| 6.22 | @MICHIGAN STATE | 24-34 |
| 6.29 | @OHIO STATE | 31-18 |
| 7.5 | Purdue | 34-13 |
| 7.12 | @MINNESOTA | 41-23 |
| 7.19 | @ILLINOIS | |
| 7.26 | Penn State | |

*at Chicago

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Bret Bielema

6th year (49-16)

Career record: 49-16

Offensive coordinator:

Paul Chryst (7th year)

Defensive coordinators:

Chris Ash (1st year)

Charlie Partridge (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 11-2 BIG TEN: 7-1
(lost to TCU in the Rose Bowl, 21-19)

Stadium: Camp Randall Stadium

(80,371)

Tickets: 608-262-1440

Site: Madison

Official athletic Web site:
www.uwbadgers.com

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Melvin Gordon: RB, 6-0, 190

Ranked as the nation's sixth-best running back, the Bradford (Wis.) High star has a chance to see the field as a true freshman.

2 ▶ Jake Keefer: LB, 6-4, 225

A U.S. Army All-American, Keefer did everything during his prep career in Wisconsin. On defense, Keefer racked up 134 tackles (including 11 for loss). As a tight end, he caught 23 passes for 383 yards and 10 TDs.

3 ▶ Austin Taylor: DE/TE, 6-4, 210

Like Jake Keefer, Taylor has the frame and athleticism to develop into a top defensive end in the Big Ten.

4 ▶ James Adeyanju: DE, 6-2, 210

The top pass rusher to come out of Chicago in the class of 2011, the Curie Metro High standout had career numbers of 53 tackles for loss and 35 sacks.

5 ▶ Jesse Hayes: DE, 6-4, 230

Another Badgers signee with great physical upside, the long-armed Hayes had 60 tackles last season. Nineteen of those stops were for loss, and he also registered 11.5 sacks as a senior for Moeller High in Cincinnati.

PURDUE



BOILERMAKERS

BIG TEN LEADERS

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 15 | Rob Henry (6-2, 200, So.) |
| RB | 23 | Ralph Bolden (5-9, 194, Jr.) |
| LOT | 68 | Dennis Kelly (6-8, 301, Sr.) |
| LOG | 76 | Rick Schmeig (6-3, 315, Jr.) |
| C | 67 | Peters Drey (6-6, 300, Jr.) |
| ROG | 73 | Ken Plue (6-7, 358, Sr.) |
| ROT | 62 | Nick Mondek (6-5, 300, Sr.) |
| TE | 86 | Gabe Holmes (6-4, 223, So.) |
| WR | 4 | O.J. Ross (5-10, 175, So.) |
| WR | 2 | Justin Siller (6-4, 215, Sr.) |
| WR | 13 | Antavian Edison (5-11, 175, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| LDE | 2 | Gerald Gooden (6-3, 235, Sr.) |
| DT | 93 | Kawann Short (6-3, 305, Jr.) |
| DT | 90 | Bruce Gaston (6-2, 301, So.) |
| RDE | 58 | Robert Maci (6-4, 241, Jr.) |
| SLB | 45 | Will Lucas (5-11, 226, So.) |
| MLB | 3 | Dwayne Beckford (6-1, 228, Jr.) |
| WLB | 30 | Joe Holland (6-1, 225, Sr.) |
| CB | 21 | Ricardo Allen (5-9, 175, So.) |
| CB | 28 | Josh Johnson (5-11, 191, Jr.) |
| FS | 32 | Albert Evans (6-0, 206, Sr.) |
| SS | 35 | Logan Link (6-1, 204, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 37 | Carson Wiggs (6-0, 206, Sr.) |
| P | 42 | Cody Webster (6-2, 201, So.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

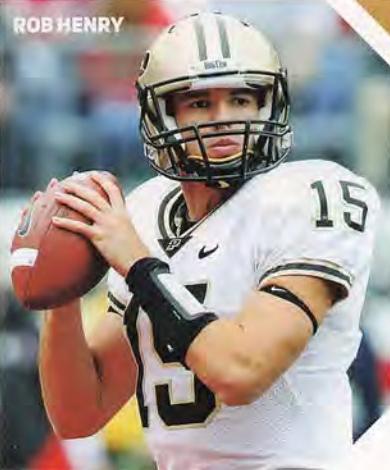
1 ▶ Armstead Williams: LB, 6-3, 210
Williams will play outside linebacker for the Boilermakers, as he showed the ability to star against both the run and pass at Gateway (Pa.) High.

2 ▶ Randy Gregory: DE, 6-5, 210
The Hamilton Southeastern (Ind.) High standout had 110 tackles and 6.5 sacks in 2010. Iowa tried to make a late run, but Gregory stayed true to his Purdue pledge.

3 ▶ Akeem Hunt: RB, 5-11, 180
Hunt will be a threat as a runner and in the receiving game for Purdue. The Newton (Ga.) High product averaged almost six yards per carry as a senior.

4 ▶ Doug Gentry: RB, 6-1, 195
Gentry is a between-the-tackles runner who does a good job of making the first defender miss. The Mexia (Texas) High product rushed for more than 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons.

5 ▶ Robert Kugler: DE/TE, 6-2, 240
The son of Steelers offensive line coach Sean Kugler, the North Allegheny Senior (Pa.) High prospect could help along the defensive line or as a blocking tight end.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Middle Tennessee | |
| S.10 | @RICE | |
| S.17 | Southeast Missouri State | |
| O.1 | Notre Dame | 12-23 |
| O.8 | Minnesota | 28-17 |
| O.15 | @PENN STATE | |
| O.22 | Illinois | 10-44 |
| O.29 | @MICHIGAN | 16-27 |
| N.5 | @WISCONSIN | 13-34 |
| N.12 | Ohio State | 0-49 |
| N.19 | Iowa | |
| N.26 | @INDIANA | 31-34(OT) |

COACH

Danny Hope

3rd year (9-15)
Career record: 9-15 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

Gary Nard (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Gary Emanuel (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 4-8 BIG TEN: 2-6

Stadium: Ross-Ade Stadium

(62,500)

Tickets: 765-494-3194

Site: West Lafayette, Ind.

Official athletic Website:

www.purduesports.com

It's hard to imagine a worse stretch of luck than what Purdue's offense endured last season. And even if someone is capable of concocting one, Boilermakers coach Danny Hope doesn't want to hear it.

Purdue started three different QBs last year and saw injuries sideline two of its top three rushers for multiple games. When you're trying to rebuild a program, it's tough enough to overcome depth issues and gain traction in a competitive conference, but when the fates seem to conspire against you, that's an entirely different situation.

Hope has reason for optimism this season despite losing some top performers, simply because he expects to have all of his options available to him.

But if Purdue is to have any real success this year, its quarterback situation must stay consistent and reliable. The good news is that sophomore Rob Henry, who led the team in rushing (547 yards, 4 TDs) and passing (996, 8) last year, is healthy and looked good during the spring.

Henry received some serious competition in spring from 6-5 junior Caleb TerBush, who missed last year due to academic problems. Don't be surprised if TerBush sees some time, even as early as the Sept. 3 opener against Middle Tennessee.

The variable in the QB situation is Robert Marve, who tore his ACL in the fourth game of the season. Marve was not cleared for contact during the spring, and it will be interesting to see if he can overcome TerBush and Henry to be the starter once again.

Running back Ralph Bolden (ACL), was not available during the spring but hopes to recapture the form that helped him gain 935 yards in '09 and earn second-team all-conference honors. His healthy return, combined with Henry's strong legs, will fortify Purdue's ground game.

The rest of the skill position group is a little shaky, although Purdue is hoping Justin Siller, who played sparingly and battled injuries after switching from QB to wideout last year can make a difference. Antavian Edison (32 catches) is a solid possession target, as is Gary Bush.

The loss of dynamic end Ryan Kerrigan (12.5 sacks) will hurt the Boilermakers' front seven on defense, but plenty of other solid contributors return. Kawann Short (6 sacks) showed impressive pass-rush skills, as did end Gerald Gooden.

Middle linebacker Dwayne Beckford (84 tackles) leads a group that also includes Joe Holland on the weak side. The secondary has all four starters back, including strong safety Logan Link, who led the team with 91 tackles last year, and corner Ricardo Allen, who picked off three passes.

GAME-CHANGER

Ralph Bolden, RB

It's not fair to pin the hopes of an offense on a player who is recovering from a torn ACL, but the Boilermakers' running game needs the kind of boost a healthy Bolden can provide. He ran for 935 yards and scored 11 times in 2009 and has the kind of speed and inside running ability that will help diversify the Purdue attack.

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ILLINOIS

BIG TEN LEADERS

FIGHTING ILLINI

Following Illinois' win in the Texas Bowl against Baylor, coach Ron Zook looked at the future and saw big things.

But December dreams turn into summertime realities, and Illinois enters 2011 with plenty of questions. The early departures of standout running back Mikel Leshoure, middle linebacker Martez Wilson and defensive tackle Corey Liuet sting. Add in the five senior starters who have departed, and Illinois doesn't look so formidable, even if it has eight home games this season.

And, though the Illini did make it to a bowl game last year, they finished 7-6, which means Zook may now be on the hot seat.

Zook and defensive coordinator Vic Koenning must find a way to make Illinois less susceptible against the pass (the Illini allowed 2,867 passing yards last year), while offensive coordinator Paul Petrino has to keep the Illini's ground game going after losing Leshoure and his school-record 1,697 yards.

At least sophomore QB Nathan Scheelhaase is back after an impressive debut. The all-purpose threat threw for 1,825 yards and 17 TDs in 2010 while tossing only eight picks, and also ran for 868 yards and five more scores.

The running back situation is in flux without Leshoure. Senior Jason Ford has good size and enough speed to get loose, but don't be surprised if senior Troy Pollard gets more carries than the 24 he earned last year. Newcomers Donovonn Young and Jon Davis could make impacts.

Even though Jarred Fayson, last year's second-leading receiver, has moved on, Scheelhaase will have A.J. Jenkins (56 catches, 7 TDs), tight end Evan Wilson (10, 2) and Spencer Harris at his disposal.

An offensive line that helped Illinois rush for 3,199 yards last year loses two members, but center Graham Pocic, guard Hugh Thornton and tackle Jeff Allen return to form a good nucleus.

Losing two key members of the front seven is never good news, so expect the front four to be young. A host of redshirt freshmen are vying for time at tackle, along with sophomore Akeem Spence and junior Glenn Foster. Junior Michael Buchanan had 5.5 tackles for loss last year from the end spot, and junior Whitney Mercilus is quick off the edge.

Ian Thomas will take over for Wilson in the middle, while Jonathan Brown and Houston Bates could start at linebacker.

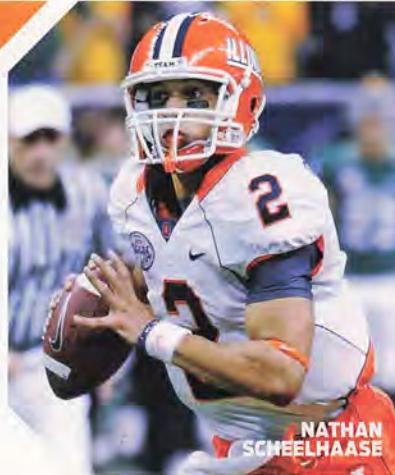
The secondary should look different than last season, as

Tavon Wilson moves back to corner from strong safety to make room for junior Supo Sanni, who missed last year with a torn Achilles. Terry Hawthorne and Justin Green will compete for the corner spot opposite Wilson, while Trulon Henry will battle Steve Hull at free safety.

GAME-CHANGER

Jason Ford, RB

Coach Ron Zook was hoping record-setting running back Mikel Leshoure would return for the 2011 season but that didn't happen, so the Illini need Ford to step up. If he does, the Illinois' ground game will thrive.



PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 2 | Nathan Scheelhaase (6-3, 195, So.) |
| RB | 21 | Jason Ford (6-0, 235, Sr.) |
| LOT | 71 | Jeff Allen (6-5, 315, Sr.) |
| LOG | 61 | Tyler Sands (6-5, 305, Jr.) |
| C | 76 | Graham Pocic (6-7, 305, Jr.) |
| ROR | 72 | Hugh Thornton (6-5, 310, Jr.) |
| ROT | 73 | Jack Cornell (6-6, 315, Sr.) |
| TE | 89 | Evan Wilson (6-6, 250, So.) |
| WR | 8 | A.J. Jenkins (6-0, 190, Sr.) |
| WR | 80 | Spencer Harris (6-3, 195, So.) |
| WR | 12 | Ryan Lankford (6-0, 175, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 85 | Whitney Mercilus (6-4, 265, Jr.) |
| DT | 94 | Akeem Spence (6-1, 305, So.) |
| DT | 47 | Glenn Foster (6-4, 260, Jr.) |
| RDE | 99 | Michael Buchanan (6-6, 240, Jr.) |
| SLB | 45 | Jonathan Brown (6-1, 235, So.) |
| MLB | 38 | Ian Thomas (6-1, 235, Sr.) |
| WLB | 30 | Houston Bates (6-3, 240, Jr.-Fr.) |
| LCB | 3 | Tavon Wilson (6-0, 205, Sr.) |
| RCB | 1 | Terry Hawthorne (6-0, 190, Jr.) |
| FS | 5 | Steve Hull (6-2, 200, So.) |
| SS | 7 | Supo Sanni (6-3, 220, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|
| K | 13 | Derek Dimke (6-0, 180, Sr.) |
| P | | Justin DuVernois (6-1, 190, Fr.) |



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------|-------------|
| 5.3 | Arkansas State | |
| 5.10 | South Dakota State | |
| 5.17 | Arizona State | |
| 5.24 | Western Michigan | |
| 6.1 | Northwestern | 48-27 |
| 6.8 | @INDIANA | 43-13 |
| 6.15 | Ohio State | 13-24 |
| 6.22 | @PURDUE | 44-10 |
| 6.29 | @PENN STATE | 33-13 |
| 7.12 | Michigan | 65-67 (3OT) |
| 7.19 | Wisconsin | |
| 7.26 | @MINNESOTA | 34-38 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



► RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Dondi Kirby: CB, 6-3, 190

The only Illini pledge to be rated No. 92 in the country by 247Sports, Kirby is a tall, long-armed, physical corner. However, he missed his entire senior season with a torn ACL.

2 ▶ Jon Davis: ATH, 6-3, 230

The Eastern (Ky.) High standout spurned offers from Oregon and Kentucky for the Illini. Davis had more than 3,000 combined yards rushing and receiving during his prep career.

3 ▶ Darrius Caldwell: DE, 6-6, 210

A physical player with a great first step, Caldwell has the frame college coaches desire. The star from Atlanta originally committed to Georgia Tech.

4 ▶ Chris Jones: DT, 6-5, 285

Stout against the run, Jones had 72 tackles last year, including six for loss. He also forced two fumbles.

5 ▶ Matt LaCosse: TE, 6-6, 220

LaCosse played quarterback in high school, but will move to tight end at the next level. He committed to Minnesota, but switched following the Gophers' coaching change.

INDIANA

HOOSIERS

BIG TEN LEADERS

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 8 | Dusty Kiel (6-2, 216, So.) |
| RB | 28 | Darius Willis (6-0, 220, Jr.) |
| LOT | 72 | Andrew McDonald (6-6, 295, Sr.) |
| LOG | 65 | Marc Damisch (6-7, 307, Sr.) |
| C | 60 | Will Matte (6-2, 283, Sr.) |
| ROG | 76 | Cody Evers (6-4, 317, So.) |
| ROT | 70 | Justin Pagan (6-5, 312, Sr.) |
| TE | 41 | Max Dedmond (6-5, 242, Sr.) |
| WR | 88 | Damarlo Belcher (6-5, 214, Sr.) |
| WR | 81 | Duwyce Wilson (6-3, 197, Jr.) |
| WR | 13 | Kofi Hughes (6-2, 204, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 44 | Darius Johnson (6-0, 241, Sr.) |
| LDT | 69 | Mick Mentzer (6-4, 306, Jr.) |
| RDT | 98 | Adam Replogle (6-3, 292, Jr.) |
| RDE | 25 | Ryan Phillips (6-3, 229, So.) |
| SLB | 42 | Chad Sherer (6-0, 221, Sr.) |
| MLB | 53 | Jeff Thomas (6-1, 244, Sr.) |
| WLB | 48 | Leon Beckum (5-11, 215, Sr.) |
| LCB | 22 | Lenyatta Kiles (5-11, 194, Sr.) |
| RCB | 20 | Lawrence Barnett (5-10, 188, Jr.) |
| FS | 10 | Donnell Jones (5-10, 213, Sr.) |
| SS | 30 | Jarrell Drane (6-2, 206, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 16 | Mitch Ewald (5-10, 171, Jr.) |
| P | 10 | Adam Pines (6-0, 178, Sr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Shane Wynn: WR, 5-9, 175

An electric player with the ball in his hands, the standout from Glenville High in Cleveland is a big-play threat as a pass catcher and return man.

2 ▶ Zack Shaw: LB, 6-3, 215

Shaw is a productive linebacker who had more than 400 tackles during his time at Coshocton (Ind.) High. As a senior he made 135 tackles and five interceptions.

3 ▶ Cody Latimer: WR, 6-3, 200

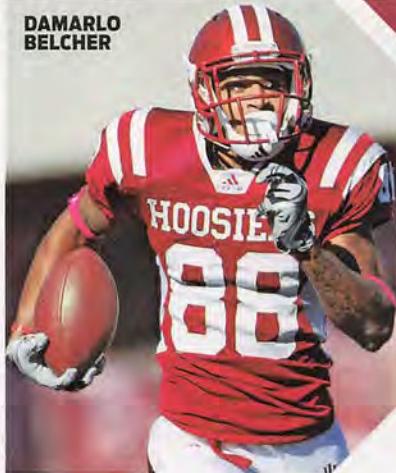
Latimer will complement Shane Wynn well at wideout. He will be a great possession receiver in new coach Kevin Wilson's offense, and caught 42 passes for 722 yards and six touchdowns as a senior.

4 ▶ Tre Roberson: QB, 6-1, 170

The state of Indiana's Mr. Football was recruited to play other positions at several Big Ten schools, but stuck by his early commitment as a quarterback for Indiana.

5 ▶ Forisse Hardin: S, 6-1, 195

Hardin lined up at multiple positions for Ballard (Ky.) High, and had 80 tackles, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries as a senior.



DAMARLO BELCHER



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------------|------------|
| S.3 | @BALL STATE* | |
| S.10 | Virginia | |
| S.17 | South Carolina State | |
| S.24 | @NORTH TEXAS | |
| O.1 | Penn State | 24-41 |
| O.8 | Illinois | 13-43 |
| O.15 | @WISCONSIN | 20-83 |
| O.22 | @IOWA | 13-18 |
| O.29 | Northwestern | 17-20 |
| N.5 | @OHIO STATE | 10-38 |
| N.19 | @MICHIGAN STATE | |
| N.26 | Purdue | 34-31 (OT) |

*at Indianapolis

COACH

Kevin Wilson

1st year

Offensive coordinators:

Kevin Johns (1st year)

Rod Smith (1st year)

Defensive coordinators:

Doug Mallory (1st year)

Mike Ekeler (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 5-7 BIG TEN: 1-7

Stadium: Memorial Stadium

(49,225)

Tickets: 866-IUSPORTS

Site: Bloomington

Official athletic Web site:

www.iuhoosiers.com

There is no question Bill Lynch had it tough at Indiana. He took the job when beloved coach Terry Hoeppner was diagnosed with cancer and, though he was able to make good on Hoeppner's goal to "Play 13" by taking the Hoosiers to the Insight Bowl in 2007, Lynch still had to squire the program through the trauma of Hoeppner's illness and subsequent tragic passing.

So when the Hoosiers struggled again last year, it was time for a change. And instead of choosing an established coach, Indiana athletic director Fred Glass went with Kevin Wilson, who gained plenty of Big Ten experience as a Northwestern assistant but made his name in college football circles by directing one of the most potent offenses in history while at Oklahoma.

It would be great if new defensive coordinator Doug Mallory could fix some of the big problems that plagued the unit last year. The Hoosiers allowed opposing backs to gain 5.1 yards per carry and score 20 times. Indiana also managed a paltry eight interceptions while allowing 34 points a game.

Now, progress isn't coming quickly—be certain of that. Not only does Indiana lose four starters from the defensive side, it must also replace QB Ben Chappell, who threw for 3,295 yards and 24 TDs last year. Finding a new QB is the first job for Wilson. Although sophomore Edward Wright-Baker was last year's primary backup to Chappell and has the ability to move well, it's likely sophomore Dusty Kiel will get the job. Don't be surprised if both get time early in the season, however.

The Hoosiers' backfield situation has to improve if Indiana is to be successful. That requires some luck in the health department and some improvement from younger players. The big question is whether Darius Willis (278 yards, 4 TDs), who played just four games in 2010 before suffering a torn patellar tendon, will contribute. The junior was unable to participate in spring drills but was expected to be healthy by summer.

It was good news that Damarlo Belcher (78 catches, 4 TDs) decided to return for his senior year, as he's a reliable target. But the Hoosiers need Duwyce Wilson and Kofi Hughes to step up, since Terrance Turner and Tandon Doss, last year's second and third-leading receivers, respectively, are gone.

There is potential along the defensive front, where end Darius Johnson (4.5 sacks) and tackles Adam Replogle and Mick Mentzer return. Middle linebacker Jeff Thomas had 82 tackles last year, while Leon Beckum led Indiana with 9.0 tackles for loss.

Expect a shakeup in the secondary, where only free safety Donnell Jones returns as a regular.

GAME-CHANGER

Darius Willis, RB

The Hoosiers' offense was stout last year, but there is no proven quarterback available for Kevin Wilson's new attack. That makes complementary players important, and Willis' successful return from a knee injury would give whoever lines up under center some security and the ability to grow gradually in the attack.



BIG TEN LEGENDS



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| 5.3 | Chattanooga | |
| 5.10 | Fresno State | |
| 5.17 | Washington | 56-21 |
| 5.24 | @WYOMING | |
| 6.1 | @WISCONSIN | |
| 6.8 | Ohio State | |
| 6.22 | @MINNESOTA | |
| 6.29 | Michigan State | |
| 7.5 | Northwestern | |
| 7.12 | @PENN STATE | |
| 7.19 | @MICHIGAN | |
| 7.26 | Iowa | |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Bo Pelini4th year (30-12)
Career record: 30-12

Offensive coordinator:

Tim Beck (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Carl Pelini (4th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 10-4 BIG 12: 6-2

(lost to Washington in the Holiday Bowl, 19-7)

Stadium: Memorial Stadium
(81,067)

Tickets: 402-472-3111

Site: Lincoln

Official athletic Web site:
www.huskers.com

NEBRASKA



CORNHUSKERS

ALFONZO DENNARD



Way back in 1907, the Cornhuskers became a charter member of the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association, a confederation that over the years eventually was known as the Big Six, the Big Seven, the Big Eight and the Big 12. Throughout the various iterations, the Cornhuskers were always with their Plains brethren, even when the Texas schools joined the party.

After more than 100 years, however, geographical expedience gave way to the clarion call of the cash register, and Nebraska decided to cast its lot with another "Big" group, joining the Big Ten last year.

Nebraska's decision to join the Rust Belt not only signaled a change in the philosophy of college affiliation but also demonstrated the need for sustained, lucrative funding opportunities, the kind that were in abundance in the Big Ten and not necessarily so plentiful in the Huskers' previous home.

Since the Big Ten guarantees its members about \$22 million a year in TV money thanks to its agreement with ESPN/ABC and its own network, Nebraska's decision to join was sound,

fiscally. Its old situation didn't provide nearly as much (until the Big 12's April agreement with FOX Sports was announced), and there was no reason to believe it ever would.

So, the Cornhuskers jumped ship. In reality, it wasn't a bad fit, since the Huskers and their new partners share academic missions and make sense geographically. Nebraska does border Iowa, and the Huskers and Hawkeyes will meet the day after Thanksgiving in the coming years.

While that explains the politics and economics of the move, what does it mean on the football field? Adding Nebraska to the Big Ten's ledger of traditional powers strengthens the conference as much as the switch by the Huskers bolstering the school's coffers. Further, Nebraska's style of play fits in well with the Big Ten's stated love of physical football.

The Cornhuskers advanced to the Big 12 title game last year and return a load of talent to make a run at becoming the first school ever to play in two different conference championship tilts in successive years. Although standouts such as cornerback Prince Amukamara, running back Roy Helu Jr. and kicker Alex Henery are

gone, coach Bo Pelini has done a fine job replenishing the stocks during his tenure, and Nebraska is poised to make a statement this season.

But the Huskers don't enter the fray without some questions. Nebraska was a strong 10-4 last year, but it lost three of its final four games and suffered an embarrassing loss to Washington in the Holiday Bowl. It remains a ground-based program—too much so—and its lack of balance could be a problem, even in the Big Ten.

If Nebraska is to take the next step, it must begin under center. Last year, sophomore Taylor Martinez was a revelation running the ball, but he was unable to get the ball downfield via the pass. He struggled with injury and consistency but should hold on to the top job despite a spirited challenge from Cody Green, who is a more classic pocket passer.

Hehu's absence hurts, but junior Rex Burkhead ran for 951 yards and seven touchdowns in 2010 and is ready for full-time work. Brandon Kinnie (5 TDs) is a reliable target, but Nebraska doesn't have much behind him. Tight end Kyler Reed showed plenty of ability last year, scoring eight times.

The vaunted defensive "Black Shirts" will try to improve on last year's performance, when they held opponents to 17.4 points a game. Losing Amukamara hurts, but seven starters are back, most notably senior tackle Jared Crick, who registered 9.5 sacks last year.

Look for Baker Steinkuhler to be next to Crick inside, while Cameron Meredith (64 tackles) is expected back at end after offseason shoulder surgery. A host of candidates are vying for the other outside spot, with Josh Williams leading the way.

Last year's leading tackler, senior Lavonte David (152), is back at weakside linebacker with designs on All-America honors. Junior Will Compton should handle the middle and Sean Fisher likely will man the strong side.

Alfonzo Dennard picked off four passes last year at one corner spot and should team with Ciate Evans on the outside. Senior Austin Cassidy is the free safety, and Courtney Osborne is a big hitter at the strong safety position.

Replacing Henery, who made 18 of 19 field goal tries last year and averaged 43.2 yards per punt, will not be easy. Junior Brett Maher will get an early look at punter, and don't be surprised if true freshman Mauro Bondi is the kicker.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Cornhuskers' class was ranked 17th, led by U.S. Army All-American running back Aaron Green, and 11 of the 19 signees finished with a four-star rating.

The 5-11, 190-pound Green chose the Cornhuskers over offers from many of the nation's top programs including Alabama, Texas and Oklahoma.

Dual-threat quarterbacks Jamal Turner and Bubba Starling were two of the most athletic signal-callers in the country last year. Turner enrolled early and began his Nebraska career at receiver during spring practice. However, he should get a shot under center down the road.

The 6-5, 200-pound Starling

may not ever make it to Lincoln, as he is *Baseball America's* top-rated high school player and will likely be a high pick in the 2011 Major League Baseball draft.

Defensive back Daimion Stafford was one of the top junior college prospects in the country and will push for a starting job in his first season in Lincoln.

Klein Collins (Texas) High cornerback Charles Jackson was a U.S. Army All-American and one of the nation's top cover guys. Touted Corona del sol (Ariz.) High defensive tackle Todd Peat (yet another U.S. Army All-American) picked Nebraska right before National Signing Day.

—Steve Wiltfong, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 3 | Taylor Martinez (6-1, 205, So.) |
| | 17 | Cody Green (6-4, 235, Jr.) |
| FB | 48 | Tyler Legate (5-10, 235, Sr.) |
| | 31 | C.J. Zimmerer (6-0, 235, So.) |
| RB | 22 | Rex Burkhead (5-11, 210, Jr.) |
| | 29 | Collins Okafor (6-1, 225, Jr.) |
| LOT | 71 | Jeremiah Sirles (6-6, 320, So.) |
| | 50 | Jermarcus Hardrick (6-7, 325, Sr.) |
| LOG | 63 | Andrew Rodriguez (6-6, 325, So.) |
| | 79 | Brandon Thompson (6-6, 300, Jr.) |
| C | 58 | Mike Caputo (6-1, 275, Sr.) |
| | 62 | Cole Pensick (6-2, 275, So.) |
| ROG | 76 | Brent Ovale (6-7, 325, So.) |
| | 77 | Seung Hoon Choi (6-2, 290, Jr.) |
| ROT | 78 | Marcel Jones (6-7, 320, Sr.) |
| | 68 | Jake Cotton (6-6, 285, Fr.) |
| TE | 25 | Kyler Reed (6-3, 230, Jr.) |
| | 81 | Ben Cotton (6-6, 255, Jr.) |
| WR | 1 | Khiry Cooper (6-2, 195, Jr.) |
| | 6 | Tim Marlowe (5-10, 175, Jr.) |
| WR | 84 | Brandon Kinnie (6-3, 225, Sr.) |
| | 18 | Quincy Enunwa (6-2, 215, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-------------------------------------|
| LDE | 98 | Josh Williams (6-4, 290, Jr.) |
| | | Joseph Carter (6-5, 250, Jr.) |
| LDT | 94 | Jared Crick (6-6, 285, Sr.) |
| | | 53 Thaddeus Randle (6-1, 300, So.) |
| RDT | 55 | Baker Steinkuhler (6-6, 290, Jr.) |
| | | 90 Terrence Moore (6-3, 290, Sr.) |
| RDE | 34 | Cameron Meredith (6-4, 260, Jr.) |
| | | 9 Jason Ankrah (6-4, 265, So.) |
| SLB | 42 | Sean Fisher (6-6, 235, Jr.) |
| | | 38 Graham Stoddard (6-2, 235, Jr.) |
| MLB | 51 | Will Compton (6-2, 230, Jr.) |
| | | 45 Alonzo Whaley (6-1, 235, Jr.) |
| WLB | 4 | Lavonte David (6-1, 220, Sr.) |
| | | 36 Mathew May (6-1, 215, Sr.) |
| LCB | 17 | Ciate Evans (5-11, 185, So.) |
| | | 2 Antonio Bell (6-2, 200, Jr.) |
| RCB | 15 | Alfonzo Dennard (5-10, 205, Sr.) |
| | | 10 Dijon Washington (6-0, 185, So.) |
| FS | 8 | Austin Cassidy (6-1, 210, Sr.) |
| | | 13 P.J. Smith (6-2, 215, Jr.) |
| SS | 12 | Courtney Osborne (6-3, 200, Jr.) |
| | | Damion Stafford (6-1, 210, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| K | Mauro Bondi (6-0, 190, Fr.) |
| P | Brett Maher (6-0, 185, Jr.) |

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2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | NEBRASKA | OPP | TEAM STATISTICS | NEBRASKA | OPP |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| SCORING | 432 | 243 | KICK RETURN AVG. | 22.9 | 23.6 |
| Points Per Game | 30.9 | 17.4 | PUNT RETURN AVG. | 12.9 | 9.6 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 254 | 238 | INT RETURN AVG. | 16.5 | 4.6 |
| Rushing | 149 | 106 | FUMBLES-LOST | 45-16 | 16-4 |
| Passing | 95 | 102 | PENALTIES-YARDS | 109-993 | 63-552 |
| Penalty | 10 | 30 | Average Per Game | 70.9 | 39.4 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 3466 | 2144 | PUNTS-YARDS | 69-2982 | 89-3788 |
| Yards gained rushing | 3854 | 2459 | Average Per Punt | 43.2 | 42.6 |
| Yards lost rushing | 388 | 315 | Net punt average | 37.7 | 37.4 |
| Rushing Attempts | 634 | 550 | TIME OF POSSE./GAME | 31:16 | 28:44 |
| Average Per Rush | 5.5 | 3.9 | 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 79/192 | 62/207 |
| Average Per Game | 247.6 | 153.1 | 3rd-Down Pct. | 41% | 30% |
| TDS Rushing | 32 | 13 | 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 9/14 | 6/17 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 2108 | 2151 | 4th-Down Pct. | 64% | 35% |
| Att-Comp-Int | 163-282-8 | 190-390-19 | SACKS BY-YARDS | 31-242 | 29-195 |
| Average Per Pass | 7.5 | 5.5 | MISC YARDS | 0 | 0 |
| Average Per Catch | 12.9 | 11.3 | TDS SCORED | 54 | 26 |
| Average Per Game | 150.6 | 153.6 | FG-ATTEMPTS | 18-19 | 20-27 |
| TDS Passing | 16 | 13 | PAT-ATTEMPTS | 54-54 | 25-25 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 5574 | 4295 | ATTENDANCE | 599648 | 321064 |
| Total Plays | 916 | 940 | Games/Avg Per Game | 7/85664 | 5/64213 |
| Average Per Play | 6.1 | 4.6 | Neutral Site Games | 2/68362 | |
| Average Per Game | 398.1 | 306.8 | | | |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 39-895 | 46-1085 | | | |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 23-297 | 29-279 | | | |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 19-313 | 8-37 | | | |
| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT |
| Nebraska | 99 | 138 | 124 | 64 | 7 |
| Opponent | 40 | 74 | 70 | 53 | 6 |
| Total | 432 | 243 | 2144 | 153.1 | 243 |

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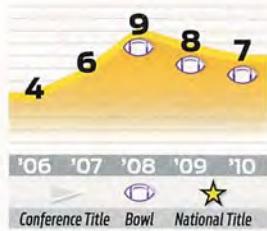
BIG TEN LEGENDS



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| S.3 | @BOSTON COLLEGE | |
| S.10 | Eastern Illinois | |
| S.17 | @ARMY | |
| O.1 | @ILLINOIS | 27-48 |
| O.8 | Michigan | |
| O.15 | @IOWA | 21-17 |
| O.22 | Penn State | 21-35 |
| O.29 | @INDIANA | 20-17 |
| N.5 | @NEBRASKA | |
| N.12 | Rice | 30-13 |
| N.19 | Minnesota | 29-28 |
| N.26 | Michigan State | 27-35 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Pat Fitzgerald

6th year (34-29)

Career record: 34-29

Offensive coordinator:

Mick McCall (4th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Mike Hankwitz (4th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 7-6 BIG TEN: 3-5

(lost to Texas Tech in the TicketCity Bowl, 45-38)

Stadium: Ryan Field, (49,256)

Tickets: 847-491-CATS

Site: Evanston, Ill.

Official athletic Web site:

www.nusports.com

NORTHWESTERN



WILDCATS



When word came down in January that Michigan had finally axed Rich Rodriguez after a month-long hand-wringing session by school administrators, some folks in Evanston became nervous. They weren't so worried that the Wolverines would return to greatness by hiring the right person for the job, but rather that Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald's name had surfaced among the candidates to replace Rodriguez.

Worse, it appeared as if the rumor had some legs. Fitzgerald was hardly unhappy at his alma mater, but if Michigan were to make a serious offer, some felt the young coach would consider it seriously.

As it turns out, Fitzgerald spurned any advances made by the people in Ann Arbor (and everybody else around the country, for that matter) and stayed a Wildcat. It didn't hurt that Northwestern athletic director Jim Phillips tore up the contract extension Fitzgerald signed in 2009 and gave him a new one that will last "eight years or more," according to Phillips. For a program that saw Gary Barnett leave for Colorado after generating some prosperity, it was good news to see Fitzgerald stick around.

Now that the coach has made his decision to remain a Wildcat, Fitzgerald must go about the business of improving his team, which finished 7-6 and played on New Year's Day but also stumbled home, losing three straight and

displaying an alarmingly cavalier attitude toward defense. The Wildcats surrendered 163 points in their final three games, including a 70-spot against Wisconsin.

Northwestern was outscored 95-69 in the fourth quarter last season and allowed opposing running backs to average 5.1 yards per carry. Anybody who watched the Northwestern-Illinois game at Wrigley Field remembers Illini backs frolicking unmolested across the Friendly Confines' grass.

If Northwestern had such a bad conclusion to the '10 season, then it may perplex some readers to see the team ranked second in the Legends Division to start 2011. The reasons are experience and depth. Northwestern returns 16 starters and both specialists from last year's team. Further, the Wildcats have 44 upperclassmen ready to make significant contributions. And barring any unforeseen complications from the repair of his Achilles tendon, QB Dan Persa is back to reprise his role as one of the conference's most dangerous weapons.

There is also a sense that since Fitzgerald has committed to the program and has a roster filled with his recruits, his vision is ready to be implemented completely. That means a tougher team will be more capable of standing up to the physical opposition in the Big Ten.

There's no question the Wildcats are fun to watch. While they gave up 29 points a game last



year, they also scored 26.4 a contest. And they put up more than 5,000 yards of total offense. But if Northwestern wants to be more than a team that creeps above .500 each year and takes advantage of the conference's myriad bowl alliances, it has to be strong for an entire season.

That was one of Fitzgerald's goals during the offseason. And since he had a veteran team at his disposal, the coach was able to make an impression on them throughout the winter conditioning drills and spring practice period. Come September, we'll see if the lessons stuck, allowing the Wildcats to continue to be not only entertaining and good but also capable of contending.

A lot of how the 2011 campaign goes will depend on Persa, who is expected to be at full strength following the Achilles tear he suffered against Iowa. The senior QB is considered by some as the favorite for Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year, and his numbers in '10 make that case a strong one. He completed 73.5 percent of his passes for 2,581 yards, 15 TDs and just four picks. Persa also ran for 519 yards and nine scores. He's perfect for the Wildcats' spread attack and has the quickness, smarts and talent to pilot a highly effective offense.

Though sophomore Evan Watkins took over for Persa last year, he enters the summer locked in a struggle for the backup job with Kain Colter and redshirt freshman Trevor Siemian.

Even if Persa remains healthy for the whole year, he'll need some more production from the Northwestern running game, which averaged only 3.6 yards a carry last year. Sophomore Mike Trumy (530 yards, 4 TDs) had a good debut, while Adonis Smith (196 yards) came on toward the end of the season. Senior Jacob Schmidt is expected to handle the short-yardage work.

Northwestern returns four starting offensive linemen, another reason to have hope for improvement on the ground. Even though senior All-Big Ten pick Jeremy Ebert (62 catches, 8 TDs) missed spring drills, he'll be fine by fall. He's joined by tight end Drake Dunsmore (40, 5) and junior Demetrius Fields (25, 2) in a deep corps of receivers.

Any improvement the Wildcats make must begin with the defense, and seven returning starters will help. The biggest step forward has to come from the front four, which was mauled in the loss to Wisconsin. Senior end Vince Browne had seven sacks last year, a total Fitzgerald wants him to double.

RECRUITING REPORT

Coach Pat Fitzgerald is quickly building a reputation as one of the most engaging recruiters in the country. The former Northwestern All-America linebacker and his staff signed a 17-player class that brings depth to every position on the field.

St. Edward (Ohio) High defensive end Deonte Gibson was a huge pickup for the Wildcats. Originally committed to Pittsburgh, the 6-3, 225-pound Gibson opened up his recruitment following the Panthers' coaching changes. Gibson had 83 tackles and 16 sacks as a senior in helping lead his team to a state championship.

The combination of quarterback Zack Oliver of Catholic (La.) High

and receiver Christian Jones from Westfield High in Houston could have Wildcats fans excited for years to come. The 6-4, 220-pound Oliver had 6,154 yards of total offense and 57 touchdown passes during his prep career. The 6-3, 200-pound Jones missed most of his senior season with an ACL tear, but still caught three touchdowns on just 10 receptions. As a junior, Jones hauled in 37 passes for 812 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also had offers from Arkansas, Stanford and Texas Tech.

Joining Gibson in Evanston is his St. Edward teammate, guard Geoff Mopus.

—Steve Wiltfong, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 7 | Dan Persa (6-1, 210, Sr.) |
| | 2 | Kain Colter (6-0, 190, So.) |
| RB | 29 | Mike Trumy (6-1, 210, So.) |
| | 39 | Jacob Schmidt (5-10, 205, Sr.) |
| LOT | 75 | Al Netter (6-6, 310, Sr.) |
| | 74 | Chuck Porcelli (6-7, 320, Jr.) |
| LOG | 72 | Brian Mulroe (6-4, 300, Jr.) |
| | 73 | Colin Armstrong (6-5, 295, Sr.) |
| C | 65 | Ben Burkett (6-4, 300, Sr.) |
| | 66 | Brandon Vitabile (6-3, 295, Fr.) |
| ROG | 64 | Doug Bartels (6-4, 300, Sr.) |
| | 79 | Neal Deiters (6-8, 315, Jr.) |
| ROT | 70 | Patrick Ward (6-7, 305, Jr.) |
| | 78 | Paul Jorgensen (6-6, 290, Fr.) |
| TE | 9 | Drake Dunsmore (6-3, 235, Sr.) |
| | 82 | John Plasencia (6-5, 255, So.) |
| WR | 8 | Demetrius Fields (6-0, 205, Jr.) |
| | 12 | Tony Jones (6-1, 180, So.) |
| WR | 11 | Jeremy Ebert (6-0, 195, Sr.) |
| | 5 | Venric Mark (5-8, 175, So.) |
| WR | 6 | Charles Brown (5-11, 180, Sr.) |
| | 80 | Mike Jensen (6-0, 185, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 42 | Kevin Watt (6-4, 265, Sr.) |
| | 97 | Tyler Scott (6-4, 255, So.) |
| LDT | 91 | Brian Arnfelt (6-5, 295, Jr.) |
| | 93 | Niko Mafuli (6-3, 310, Sr.) |
| RDT | 90 | Jack DiNardo (6-4, 295, Jr.) |
| | 99 | Chance Carter (6-3, 280, Fr.) |
| RDE | 94 | Vince Browne (6-5, 265, Sr.) |
| | 88 | Quentin Williams (6-4, 260, Jr.) |
| SLB | 35 | Ben Johnson (6-3, 225, Sr.) |
| | 45 | Collin Ellis (6-2, 205, Fr.) |
| MLB | 33 | David Nwabuisi (6-1, 240, Jr.) |
| | 46 | Damien Proby (6-0, 235, So.) |
| WLB | 51 | Bryce McNaul (6-3, 230, Sr.) |
| | 43 | Tim Riley (6-3, 220, So.) |
| LCB | 26 | Jordan Mabin (5-11, 180, Sr.) |
| | 47 | Rickey Weina (5-11, 180, Sr.) |
| RCB | 3 | Jeravin Matthews (5-11, 175, Sr.) |
| | 22 | Demetrius Dugar (5-11, 175, Jr.) |
| FS | 10 | Brian Peters (6-4, 215, Sr.) |
| | 24 | Ibraheim Campbell (5-11, 195, Fr.) |
| SS | 32 | David Arnold (6-1, 220, Jr.) |
| | 21 | Mike Bolden (6-1, 195, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|
| K | 37 | Jeff Budzien (5-11, 170, So.) |
| P | 49 | Brandon Williams (6-2, 190, So.) |

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2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | NU | OPP | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| SCORING | 343 | 377 | | | | |
| Points Per Game | 26.4 | 29.0 | | | | |
| FIRST DOWNS | 284 | 291 | | | | |
| Rushing | 131 | 126 | | | | |
| Passing | 134 | 144 | | | | |
| Penalty | 19 | 21 | | | | |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2027 | 2405 | | | | |
| Yards gained rushing | 2360 | 2698 | | | | |
| Yards lost rushing | 333 | 293 | | | | |
| Rushing Attempts | 557 | 467 | | | | |
| Average Per Rush | 3.6 | 5.1 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 155.9 | 185.0 | | | | |
| TDs: Rushing | 22 | 24 | | | | |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 3057 | 3135 | | | | |
| Att-Comp-Int | 263-385-10 | 285-466-15 | | | | |
| Average Per Pass | 7.9 | 6.7 | | | | |
| Average Per Catch | 11.6 | 11.0 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 235.2 | 241.2 | | | | |
| TDs: Passing | 17 | 25 | | | | |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 5084 | 5540 | | | | |
| Total Plays | 942 | 933 | | | | |
| Average Per Play | 5.4 | 5.9 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 391.1 | 426.2 | | | | |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 51-1149 | 58-1163 | | | | |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 18-167 | 13-43 | | | | |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 15-244 | 10-165 | | | | |
| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
| Northwestern | 92 | 100 | 82 | 69 | 0 | 343 |
| Opponent | 64 | 122 | 96 | 95 | 0 | 377 |

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MICHIGAN STATE

BIG TEN LEGENDS

SPARTANS

When we last saw the Spartans, it looked as if they could use a 12th or 13th player on the field at the Capital One Bowl, the better to cope with Alabama's onslaught in a 49-7 rout. Suddenly, the happy vibe of a school-record 11 wins that included a share of the school's first Big Ten title since 1990 had been replaced by a big to-do list.

The first move made by Mark Dantonio, who was the 2010 Big Ten Coach of the Year, was to elevate Dan Roushar to offensive coordinator, replacing Don Treadwell, who took the head-coaching job at Miami (Ohio). Roushar promises to take a few more shots downfield in the passing game.

Defensive coordinator Pat Narduzzi must replace five starters, including All-America linebacker Greg Jones. The Spartans' back seven was hit particularly hard by graduation with two linebackers and two defensive backs gone, so Narduzzi has some work to do.

The Spartans aren't bereft of talent, especially up front. The challenge for the line, however, is to improve on last year's paltry 20-sack total. To do that, Michigan State must find a replacement for end Colin Neely. Could it be that sophomore William Gholston, who came to East Lansing with considerable fanfare, is ready for the bright lights? It would appear so. He'll team with junior Tyler Hoover on the outside, while junior Jerel Worthy and senior Kevin Pickelman handle the inside.

Junior Chris Norman is back at strongside linebacker, but the big question revolves around Jones' replacement. Junior Steve Gardiner, who made 21 tackles last year, appears ready to step up in the middle, while Max Bullough and Denicos Allen battle for the other outside spot.

Narduzzi was happy during the spring with the play of Isaiah Lewis, who seemed to take the strong safety spot, but Jairus Jones is still in the picture. Senior Trenton Robinson is entrenched at the free safety position, while junior Johnny Adams is back at cornerback ready to team with Darqueze Dennard.

The Spartans' skill set is in pretty good shape for Roushar. In 2010, senior QB Kirk Cousins completed 66.9 percent of his

passes and threw for 2,825 yards and 20 touchdowns. B.J. Cunningham (50 receptions, 9 TDs), Keshawn Martin and Keith Nichol are back at wideout.

Michigan State's ground game has tremendous potential with last year's top three tailbacks returning, led by Edwin Baker (1,201 yards, 13 TDs). If the line comes around, this could be quite an offense.

GAME-CHANGER

William Gholston, DE

When Gholston arrived on campus last year, many expected the defensive end to thrive right away. He had a solid debut (13 tackles) but is expected to become more of a force this season. The 6-7, 265-pounder has the size and speed to be a big factor. All he needs is game experience to become a dominant performer.



PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 8 | Kirk Cousins (6-3, 202, Sr.) |
| FB | 87 | Todd Anderson (6-2, 253, Sr.) |
| RB | 4 | Edwin Baker (5-9, 208, Jr.) |
| LOT | 59 | Dan France (6-6, 304, So.) |
| LOT | 67 | Joel Foreman (6-4, 310, Sr.) |
| C | 63 | Travis Jackson (6-4, 265, Fr.) |
| ROG | 62 | Chris McDonald (6-5, 290, Jr.) |
| ROT | 74 | Zach Hueter (6-6, 324, Jr.) |
| TE | 85 | Garrett Celek (6-5, 247, Sr.) |
| WR | 82 | Keshawn Martin (5-11, 185, Jr.) |
| WR | 3 | B.J. Cunningham (6-2, 223, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 91 | Tyler Hoover (6-7, 274, Jr.) |
| LDT | 96 | Kevin Pickelman (6-4, 278, Sr.) |
| RDT | 99 | Jerel Worthy (6-3, 305, Jr.) |
| RDE | 2 | William Gholston (6-7, 265, So.) |
| SLB | 10 | Chris Norman (6-1, 225, Jr.) |
| MLB | 50 | Steve Gardiner (6-1, 215, Jr.) |
| WLB | 40 | Max Bullough (6-3, 240, So.) |
| LCB | 31 | Darqueze Dennard (5-11, 185, So.) |
| RCB | 5 | Johnny Adams (5-11, 170, Jr.) |
| FS | 39 | Trenton Robinson (5-10, 195, Sr.) |
| SS | 9 | Isaiah Lewis (5-11, 199, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| K | 4 | Dan Conroy (5-10, 185, Jr.) |
| P | 3 | Mike Sadler (6-1, 177, Fr.) |



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Youngstown State | |
| S.10 | Florida Atlantic | 30-17 |
| S.17 | @NOTRE DAME | 34-31 (OT) |
| S.24 | Central Michigan | |
| O.1 | @OHIO STATE | |
| O.15 | Michigan | 34-17 |
| O.22 | Wisconsin | 34-24 |
| O.29 | @NEBRASKA | |
| N.5 | Minnesota | 31-8 |
| N.12 | @IOWA | 6-37 |
| N.19 | Indiana | |
| N.26 | @NORTHWESTERN | 35-27 |

COACH

Mark Dantonio

5th year (33-19)

Career record: 51-36

Offensive coordinator:

Dan Roushar (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Pat Narduzzi (5th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 11-2 BIG TEN: 7-1

(lost to Alabama in the Capital One Bowl, 49-7)

Stadium: Spartan Stadium (75,005)

Tickets: 800-GO-STATE

Site: East Lansing

Official athletic Web site:

www.muspartans.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND



► RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Lawrence Thomas: LB/DE, 6-4, 244

Thomas is an Under Armour All-American who could end up playing defensive end. The Renaissance High product out of Detroit was highly sought after, but committed to the Spartans early in the process.

2 ▶ Roger Williamson: S, 6-2, 185

Williamson played several positions for Dunbar (Ohio) High, including quarterback, receiver and in the secondary. It looks like he will be a safety at the next level.

3 ▶ Onaje Miller: RB, 5-10, 190

Miller has a knack for finding the hole quickly, making one cut and turning on his speed. He was also a big-time producer as a kick and punt returner.

4 ▶ Jack Allen: C, 6-3, 260

Allen is a quick and physical blocker with good athleticism who isn't afraid to get nasty. He was also a two-time all-state wrestler at Hinsdale Central (Ill.) High.

5 ▶ Taiwan Jones: LB, 6-3, 220

Jones can cover a lot of ground for a linebacker. He was also productive as a running back, receiver and quarterback in high school.

IOWA

HAWKEYES

BIG TEN LEGENDS

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 16 | James Vandenberg (6-3, 212, Jr.) |
| FB | 38 | Brad Rogers (5-10, 225, So.) |
| RB | 34 | Marcus Coker (6-0, 230, So.) |
| LOT | 77 | Riley Reiff (6-6, 300, Jr.) |
| LOG | 73 | Adam Gettis (6-4, 280, Sr.) |
| C | 53 | James Ferentz (6-2, 280, Jr.) |
| ROG | 76 | Nolan MacMillan (6-6, 288, So.) |
| ROT | 56 | Markus Zusevics (6-5, 300, Sr.) |
| TE | 39 | Brad Herman (6-5, 255, Sr.) |
| WR | 6 | Keenan Davis (6-3, 215, Jr.) |
| WR | 7 | Marvin McNutt (6-4, 215, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| LDE | 91 | Broderick Binns (6-2, 261, Sr.) |
| LDT | 93 | Mike Daniels (6-1, 280, Sr.) |
| RDT | 87 | Thomas Nardo (6-3, 277, Sr.) |
| RDE | 58 | Lebron Daniel (6-2, 250, Sr.) |
| SLB | 45 | Tyler Nielsen (6-4, 235, Sr.) |
| MLB | 44 | James Morris (6-2, 225, So.) |
| WLB | 37 | Shane DiBona (6-2, 230, So.) |
| LCB | 28 | Shaun Prater (5-11, 180, Sr.) |
| RCB | 18 | Micah Hyde (6-1, 185, Jr.) |
| FS | 16 | Collin Sleeper (6-2, 200, Jr.) |
| SS | 5 | Tanner Miller (6-2, 200, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 96 | Mike Meyer (6-2, 180, So.) |
| P | 6 | Eric Guthrie (6-6, 245, Sr.) |

Sporting News All-American

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

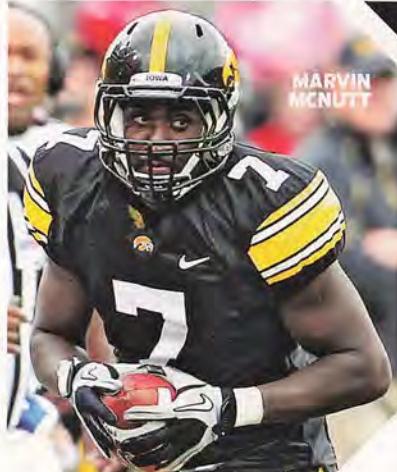
1 ▶ Rodney Coe: ATH, 6-3, 230
Coe could play running back or linebacker for the Hawkeyes. He has the ability to make plays in the flat and also come up and fill the hole quickly.

2 ▶ Jordan Walsh: G, 6-3, 275
Walsh comes from one of the best programs in the Chicago area (Glenbard West High), and was one of the standouts at the Offense-Defense All-America Bowl.

3 ▶ Austin Blythe: G/C, 6-3, 275
Blythe could be the program's center of the future. He teamed up with Jordan Walsh at the Offense-Defense All-America Bowl for a stout offensive line.

4 ▶ Darian Cooper: DT, 6-1, 295
Cooper is a great-looking prospect who could play immediately as a true freshman. He is a powerful interior defender, and recorded 30 sacks during his prep career.

5 ▶ Ray Hamilton: TE, 6-5, 230
An Offense-Defense All-American, Hamilton is a big-play pass catcher who can stretch the field as a tight end.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Tennessee Tech | |
| S.10 | @IOWA STATE | 35-7 |
| S.17 | Pittsburgh | |
| S.24 | Louisiana-Monroe | |
| O.8 | @PENN STATE | 24-3 |
| O.15 | Northwestern | 17-21 |
| O.22 | Indiana | 18-13 |
| O.29 | @MINNESOTA | 24-27 |
| N.5 | Michigan | 38-28 |
| N.12 | Michigan State | 37-6 |
| N.19 | @PURDUE | |
| N.26 | @NEBRASKA | |

COACH

Kirk Ferentz

13th year (89-60)
Career record: 89-60 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

Ken O'Keefe (13th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Norm Parker (13th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 8-5 BIG TEN: 4-4
(beat Missouri in the Insight Bowl, 27-24)

Stadium: Kinnick Stadium (70,585)

Tickets: 800-IA-HAWKS

Site: Iowa City

Official athletic Web site:

www.hawkeyesports.com

To say that it wasn't the best ending to a season—and beginning to the next—in Iowa City is a gigantic understatement. By the time spring practice began, the Hawkeyes had endured legal issues, questions about whether players had been put at risk and a rumor that coach Kirk Ferentz's future might be in jeopardy. But when the first whistle blew in March, Ferentz was still in charge and all seemed fine.

Or so it seemed. There are still people who question the way Ferentz and the school handled the problems. Although dismissing star wideout Derrell Johnson-Koulianios and running back Adam Robinson for drug charges was the right thing to do, word that many on the team had found a way around the school's drug testing program was disconcerting.

Things got worse early in the offseason conditioning program when 13 players were hospitalized with a rare muscle disorder, exertional rhabdomyolysis, as a result of the particularly strenuous workout administered by Iowa strength coach Chris Doyle. As if the off-field distractions weren't enough, Iowa is now without 14 players who were listed as starters for the Insight Bowl against Missouri.

The good news is that while Ricky Stanzi is gone under center, junior James Vandenberg is ready to step in. Vandenberg attempted only eight passes last year (completing five) but has good size (6-3, 212) and can get the ball downfield, as his status as the most prolific prep QB in Iowa history proves.

Vandenberg will miss Johnson-Koulianios, but Marvin McNutt (53 catches, 8 TDs) turned down a shot at the NFL to come back for a big final season. After McNutt, however, there isn't a lot of experience. And even though Robinson is gone, Iowa should still have a stout ground attack, thanks to the return of Marcus Coker (622 yards, 3 TDs).

After featuring plenty of talent and experience last year, Iowa's 2011 front four will have a different look. That doesn't mean it won't be effective and capable, though. End Broderick Binns and tackle Mike Daniels have played plenty and are ready to assume leadership roles.

The healthy return of linebacker Tyler Nielsen after a neck injury that limited him to eight games last year is good news for the Hawkeyes. James Morris returns in the middle after making 70 tackles last year, and Shane DiBona is expected to move outside after backing up Morris last year.

The secondary will look a lot different this season, except at one cornerback spot, where senior Shaun Prater (68 tackles, 4 INTs) is a fixture.

GAME-CHANGER

Mike Daniels, DT

With serious losses sustained on defense—particularly across the front four—the Hawkeyes need some seniors to step up and produce. Daniels is a smart, strong, productive player who gets the chance to become the next standout across Iowa's first line of defense. If he thrives, the Hawkeyes' front seven could be its usual nasty self.

5 MICHIGAN

BIG TEN LEGENDS

WOLVERINES

After a three-year disastrous flirtation with Rich Rodriguez, Michigan has reverted to form by hiring Brady Hoke as its coach. Hoke promises to return Michigan to the days when accountability, teamwork and commitment mattered.

Of course, the big question is whether those virtues will result in a return to the top of the Big Ten and a victory over Ohio State.

The good news is that experience abounds, with 10 starters back on offense and eight on defense. But after getting smoked by Mississippi State (52-14) in the Gator Bowl, Hoke must teach Michigan the vagaries of Big Ten football.

Hoke will transform the Wolverines from a spread team into a pro-style outfit and has brought Al Borges with him from San Diego State to affect the transition. Borges favors a power running game and pocket passing attack.

But quarterback Denard Robinson is not suited for drop-back life. So, Borges won't demand a complete change of style. Expect to see Robinson under center this season, but don't be surprised when he takes off and runs. Borges and Hoke may have an established offensive philosophy, but they know Robinson can throw and also kill teams with his feet.

Michigan returns nine of its top 10 pass catchers from last year, including Roy Roundtree (72 catches, 7 TDs), Darryl Stonum (49, 4) and Junior Hemingway (32, 4). Tight end Kevin Koger will be spelled by freshman Chris Barnett.

Michigan's offensive line has experience (three starters back) and good depth. But this is not a hulking group that will blast defenders back with physical mass. Center David Molk anchors the unit, which features returning left tackle Taylor Lewan and right guard Patrick Omameh. Expect Mark Huyge to play right tackle, while Ricky Barnum is set at left guard.

Michigan's ground game was built around Robinson last year, but Vincent Smith (601 yards, 5 TDs) and Michael Shaw (402, 9) have some speed.

New defensive coordinator Greg Mattison must fashion a successful unit that finished 110th nationally in total defense. The biggest problem is in the backfield, where Troy Woolfolk's return from a broken leg should help. Jordan Kovacs is experienced at safety, but don't be surprised if freshmen Greg Brown, Blake Countess and Delonte Hollowell get playing time.

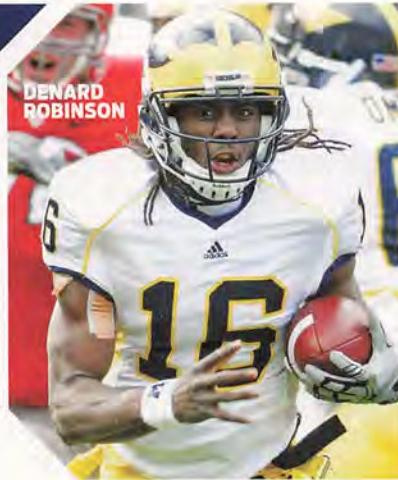
The front seven has talent in nose tackle Mike Martin, end Craig Roh and middle linebacker Kenny Demens.

Freshman Matt Wile will take over at kicker after Brendan Gibbons and Seth Broekhuizen combined to make just four of 14 field goal attempts in 2010.

GAME-CHANGER

Troy Woolfolk, CB

Wolverine fans had a great time watching their team play last year—on offense. When the other team had the ball, there was little fun to be had. New coach Brady Hoke is preaching toughness, but speed is needed on the back line, too. Woolfolk's successful return from a broken leg will help strengthen a secondary that was awful last year.



DENARD ROBINSON

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 16 | Denard Robinson (6-0, 193, Jr.) |
| FB | 49 | John McColgan (6-1, 231, Sr.) |
| RB | 2 | Vincent Smith (5-6, 180, Jr.) |
| LOT | 77 | Taylor Lewan (6-8, 294, So.) |
| LOG | 56 | Ricky Barnum (6-3, 286, Jr.) |
| C | 50 | David Molk (6-2, 288, Sr.) |
| ROG | 65 | Patrick Omameh (6-4, 299, Jr.) |
| ROT | 72 | Mark Huyge (6-6, 306, Sr.) |
| TE | 86 | Kevin Koger (6-4, 255, Sr.) |
| WR | 21 | Junior Hemingway (6-1, 225, Sr.) |
| WR | 22 | Darryl Stonum (6-2, 195, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------------|
| LDE | 88 | Craig Roh (6-5, 251, Jr.) |
| NT | 68 | Mike Martin (6-2, 299, Sr.) |
| RDE | 55 | Jibreel Black (6-2, 258, So.) |
| OLB | 42 | J.B. Fitzgerald (6-3, 24, Sr.) |
| ILB | 25 | Kenny Demens (6-1, 250, Jr.) |
| ILB | 6 | Kellen Jones (6-1, 215, Fr.) |
| OLB | 4 | Cam Gordon (6-3, 207, So.) |
| LCB | 12 | J.T. Floyd (6-0, 183, Jr.) |
| RCB | 29 | Troy Woolfolk (6-0, 195, Sr.) |
| FS | 13 | Carvin Johnson (6-0, 195, So.) |
| SS | 32 | Jordan Kovacs (6-0, 195, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| K | Matt Wile (6-2, 210, Fr.) |
| P | 43 Will Hagerup (6-4, 210, So.) |

Sporting News All-American



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|-------------|
| S.3 | Western Michigan | 28-24 |
| S.10 | Notre Dame | |
| S.17 | Eastern Michigan | |
| S.24 | San Diego State | |
| O.1 | Minnesota | |
| O.8 | @NORTHWESTERN | 17-34 |
| O.15 | @MICHIGAN STATE | 27-16 |
| O.29 | Purdue | 28-38 |
| N.5 | @IOWA | 67-65 (3OT) |
| N.12 | @ILLINOIS | 7-37 |
| N.19 | Nebraska | |
| N.26 | Ohio State | |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Blake Countess: CB, 5-9, 166

One of the top cornerbacks in the nation, the Maryland product is a smooth defender. Countess runs with receivers and changes direction well.

2 ▶ Justice Hayes: RB, 5-10, 180

Hayes has some of the best hands in the nation for a running back, so a move to receiver would not be a surprise. The Grand Blanc (Mich.) High prospect has good vision and often makes defenders miss.

3 ▶ Brennan Beyer: LB/DE, 6-4, 225

A fluid athlete that runs well, the Plymouth (Mich.) High prospect was dominant on both sides of the ball as a senior. He had 65 tackles and 12 sacks and also caught 31 passes (including 10 TDs) as a senior.

4 ▶ Antonio Poole: LB, 6-2, 210

The star from Cincinnati is solid against the run and has a chance to contribute as a true freshman.

5 ▶ Chris Bryant: G, 6-4, 330

Bryant is a strong offensive lineman with good athleticism. However, he will likely need a redshirt year to work on his weight.

MINNESOTA G

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 5 | MarQueis Gray (6-4, 229, Jr.) |
| RB | 22 | Duane Bennett (5-9, 210, r-Sr.) |
| LOT | 58 | Ed Olson (6-7, 302, So.) |
| LOG | 68 | Chris Bunders (6-3, 304, Sr.) |
| C | 60 | Ryan Wynn (6-5, 295, Sr.) |
| ROG | 78 | Ryan Orton (6-4, 291, Sr.) |
| ROT | 66 | Jimmy Gjere (6-7, 308, r-Fr.) |
| TE | 85 | Eric Lair (6-3, 239, Sr.) |
| WR | 6 | Da'Jon McKnight (6-3, 214, Sr.) |
| WR | 1 | Brandon Green (6-0, 191, r-Jr.) |
| WR | 8 | Marcus Jones (5-8, 168, Fr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|--|
| LDE | 91 | Kendall Gregory-McGhee (6-5, 253, So.) |
| DT | 96 | Brandon Kirksey (6-2, 299, Sr.) |
| DT | 97 | Anthony Jacobs (6-2, 295, Sr.) |
| RDE | 95 | D.L. Wilhite (6-3, 237, Jr.) |
| SLB | 4 | Keanon Cooper (6-0, 217, Jr.) |
| MLB | 1 | Brendan Beal (6-3, 245, So.) |
| WLB | 51 | Gary Tinsley (6-1, 237, Sr.) |
| LCB | 11 | Troy Stoudermire (5-10, 195, Sr.) |
| RCB | 21 | Brock Vereen (6-0, 181, So.) |
| FS | 24 | James Manuel (6-2, 209, So.) |
| SS | 3 | Kim Royston (5-11, 195, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|---------------------------------|
| K | 36 | Chris Hawthorne (6-4, 180, So.) |
| P | 41 | Dan Orseske (6-3, 214, So.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Tommy Olson: G, 6-4, 280

The top player in the state of Minnesota, Olson was the first to commit to the Golden Gophers in January 2009. Olson gets good push and does a solid job of meeting defenders at the second level.

2 ▶ Kyle McAvoy: OT, 6-5, 293

The Bloomington (Ill.) High prospect could play offensive tackle or guard in college. His twin brother, Luke, also signed with the Gophers.

3 ▶ Steven Montgomery: S, 5-10, 180

Montgomery was a hard-hitting safety and a sure tackler at Miramar (Fla.) High. He had 67 tackles, three interceptions and two forced fumbles as a senior.

4 ▶ Max Shortell: QB, 6-6, 215

Shortell is a pro-style passer with a strong arm and nice touch. He passed for 2,643 yards, 21 touchdowns and just seven interceptions as a senior.

5 ▶ Drew Gooder: TE, 6-5, 230

Minnesota recruited the Shawnee Mission Northwest (Kan.) High standout as a tight end, but don't be surprised to see him play defensive end at Minnesota.



GOLDEN GOPHERS

BIG TEN LEGENDS

Jerry Kill may not have been the flashiest pick to run the Gopher program, but after enduring the Tim Brewster debacle, when fundraising connections to help build the new Minnesota stadium took precedence over head-coaching experience, it's good to have Kill in Minneapolis.

When Brewster was brought in to coach Minnesota, many considered his hiring a nod toward some donors who would be willing to provide the funding for cost overruns that plagued the school's new stadium. Though the Gophers' on-campus home was completed and opened last year, the team's poor play overshadowed it, and the student section was often half-empty as the Gophers slunk toward the bottom of the Big Ten.

Kill is the exact opposite of Brewster. He's all substance and fire, with little of the smooth side Brewster had.

Kill and his staff have a huge job ahead of them. Minnesota may have won its final two games last year to finish 3-9, but that strong close doesn't represent the state of the program.

There are not enough Big Ten-caliber playmakers around, and the program's depth is hardly contender-quality. In addition to building the stocks through quality recruiting, Kill must also re-tool the offensive line, fix a defense that allowed 33 points a game and hope MarQueis Gray's return to the QB position is successful. That's just part of the list, but it's a great start.

Even if Gray is ready to handle the quarterback spot physically, he has a big job in terms of understanding a system that puts different demands on the passer than the one he navigated before switching to receiver a couple seasons back.

Gray was used mostly as a runner in 2009, so he is now adjusting not only to offensive coordinator Matt Limegrover's mental demands but also the mechanical requirements of the position. And since the attack includes elements of the Pistol, spread and power running concepts, there is a lot to learn.

The Gophers have some talent at running back, thanks to the return of seniors Duane Bennett (529 yards, 3 TDs) and DeLeon Eskridge (698, 7). Neither is going to dazzle with breakaway runs, but each can handle the ball and will be good pieces in the offense. Da'Jon McKnight had a big year in 2010, averaging 15.6 yards, 48 catches and 10 TDs. Gray won't have the luxury of throwing to himself (42 catches, 5 TDs), but senior tight end Eric Lair is back.

The line came together in the spring, but questions remain, especially at right tackle. But senior Chris Bunders is a fixture at left guard and Ryan Wynn should be the center, with Ryan Orton at right guard. The backups are unproven.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------|------------|
| S.3 | @USC | ZI-32 |
| S.10 | New Mexico State | |
| S.17 | Miami (Ohio) | |
| S.24 | North Dakota State | |
| O.1 | @MICHIGAN | |
| O.8 | @PURDUE | 17-28 |
| O.22 | Nebraska | |
| O.29 | Iowa | 27-24 |
| N.5 | @MICHIGAN STATE | 8-31 |
| N.12 | Wisconsin | 23-41 |
| N.19 | @NORTHWESTERN | 28-29 |
| N.26 | Illinois | 38-34 |

COACH

Jerry Kill

1st year

Career record: 23-16 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

Matt Limegrover (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Tracy Claeys (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 3-9 BIG TEN: 2-6

Stadium: TCF Bank Stadium (50,300)

Tickets: 800-UGOPHER

Site: Minneapolis

Official athletic Web site: www.gophersports.com

GAME-CHANGER

MarQueis Gray, QB

When Gray was switched to wideout after the 2009 season, few expected to see him back under center. But the Gophers need a QB, and Gray has the talent to be a good one. All he must do now is master a system that puts considerable pressure on the passer to make good decisions and then use his substantial physical tools. It won't be easy or come quickly.

XII

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

STOCK REPORT ▲ UP ▼ DOWN □ STEADY

BOWL PROJECTIONS

- | | |
|-----------|--|
| 1 | ▲ OKLAHOMA BCS National Championship |
| 2 | ▲ TEXAS A&M Alamo Bowl |
| 3 | ▷ OKLAHOMA STATE Insight Bowl |
| 4 | ▷ MISSOURI Holiday Bowl |
| 5 | ▼ TEXAS Cotton Bowl |
| 6 | ▷ BAYLOR |
| 7 | ▲ TEXAS TECH Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas |
| 8 | ▲ KANSAS STATE |
| 9 | ▼ IOWA STATE |
| 10 | ▼ KANSAS |

TRENDING

1 Missouri is the new Quarterback U. The last three—Blaine Gabbert, Chase Daniel and Brad Smith—found NFL love. Next up? James Franklin or Blaine's brother, Tyler.



RYAN TANNEHILL

Coaches are back, but there's a new feel on the Plains

By Blair Kerkhoff *Kansas City Star*

Fewer teams, more conference games. Same name, new identity. That's the current state of Big 12 football in a nutshell. For a few uncertain days last June, nobody was sure there would be a conference. But a big television contract with FOX Sports helped keep 10 schools together after Nebraska and Colorado bailed, and now the Big 12 goes forward with a fresh look.

For the first time in the league's 16 years, teams will play a complete round-robin schedule. Nobody will have to look at who's playing whom from the other division to identify a favorite.

Also, there's no longer a conference championship game. Coaches are torn on this. A title game has helped the Big 12 gain exposure, but on four instances it also took a team out of the national title picture with an upset loss. Instead, the Big 12 regular season will now extend into December.

One thing that doesn't change is the conference favorite. Oklahoma is the defending champion and will be favored to win its eighth Big 12 crown. The return of quarterback Landry Jones and receiver Ryan Broyles along with another stout defense keep the Sooners at the forefront of projections.

Oklahoma State and Texas A&M will also likely figure into the hunt. Like the

Sooners, the Cowboys and Aggies return their main offensive weapons, but both teams have questions on defense.

Oklahoma State received a huge boost when 2010 Biletnikoff Award winner Justin Blackmon decided to return to school, while Texas A&M's midseason about-face made the Aggies one of the nation's best second-half teams last year. The turnaround coincided with a switch at quarterback to Ryan Tannehill and, although sack specialist Von Miller graduated, optimism abounds at College Station.

The same feeling goes for Missouri, even with the loss of quarterback Blaine Gabbert. The Tigers have won 40 games in the past four seasons and are moving toward elite status nationally. While the team will break in a new quarterback, expectations won't dip in Columbia.

And what becomes of Texas? The fall of the Longhorns from the BCS title game to a 5-7 season ranked among college football's most stunning developments in 2010. Coach Mack Brown shook up the staff with five new hires, including both coordinators. The defense looks strong, but scoring could again be a problem.

The hopes of Baylor rest on the arm of quarterback Robert Griffin III, who last season led the Bears to their first bowl game as a Big 12 member.

3 These bowl failures must stop. Oklahoma finally ended its BCS jinx, but the league slogged to a 3-5 postseason mark. You can't be a top conference by continually losing in bowls.

RATING THE BIG 12

► FASTEST RECEIVER

Jeff Fuller, Texas A&M

Got into the end zone 12 times last season.

► BEST HANDS

Ryan Broyles, WR, Oklahoma

Had 131 receptions last year and not many drops.

► BEST PASSING QB

Landry Jones, Oklahoma

Statistically is among the Sooners' best, including Sam Bradford.

► BEST RUNNING QB

Robert Griffin III, Baylor

What do you expect from a track champion?

► MOST ELUSIVE RB

Kendial Lawrence, Missouri

Averaged nearly six yards a carry last year.

► BEST INSTINCTS

Ryan Broyles, WR, Oklahoma

Knows precisely what to do after a catch and/or punt return.

► BEST ATHLETE

Robert Griffin III, Baylor

A Big 12 track champion and now bowl-game quarterback.

► BEST UNDER PRESSURE

Ryan Tannehill, QB, Texas A&M

All he did was save a season.

► TOP NFL PROSPECT

Justin Blackmon, WR, Oklahoma State

Would have been near the top had he come out last year.



► TOP IMPACT FRESHMAN

Malcolm Brown, RB, Texas

Could he have Marcus Lattimore-type impact in 2011?

► HARDEST HITTER

Ronnell Lewis, DE, Oklahoma

All you need to know is his nickname: "The Hammer."

► BIGGEST OVERACHIEVER

Jake Knott, LB, Iowa State

From underrecruited to one of the Big 12's best.

► BEST INTERVIEW

Paul Rhoads, Iowa State coach

He's open, honest and thorough.

► BEST COACH

Bob Stoops, Oklahoma

When somebody else wins the Big 12, we'll consider a change.

► BEST RECRUITER

Robert Prunty, Texas Tech

The Big 12 Recruiter of the Year helped land the highest-rated class in school history.

► BEST ROAD TRIP

Texas

You can never go wrong on 6th Street.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

By Brian McLaughlin, Sporting News



MALCOM BROWN

4 ► TEXAS TECH The Red Raiders signed a big class (29), and there is some solid junior college talent that should make a difference quickly.

5 ► TEXAS A&M Johnny Manziel is an exciting prospect at QB, and there is definitely some momentum in the Aggies' program that is affecting the 2012 class.

6 ► KANSAS The signature member of the Jayhawks' class is Missouri RB Darrian Miller, who committed very early to Turner Gill.

7 ► MISSOURI The Tigers signed two sleeper prospects at wide receiver fans will like in Brandon Hannah and Wesley Leftwich, but the class was small (17).

8 ► BAYLOR Offensive tackle Spencer Drango was the trophy of the class; he had dozens of options but chose to stay with the Bears.

9 ► KANSAS STATE Keep an eye on do-everything athlete Daniel Sams out of Louisiana, a player who had a lot of options.

10 ► IOWA STATE Talented RB DeVondrick Neal had lots of BCS options closer to his Florida home, but chose the Cyclones.

ALL-BIG 12

OFFENSE

- QB** Landry Jones, Jr., Oklahoma
- RB** Cyrus Gray, Sr., Texas A&M
- RB** Eric Stephens, So., Texas Tech
- OL** Stephen Good, Sr., Oklahoma
- OL** Levy Adcock, Sr., Oklahoma State
- OL** Luke Joeckel, So., Texas A&M
- OL** Kelechi Osemele, Sr., Iowa State
- OL** Elvis Fisher, Sr., Missouri
- TE** Michael Egnew, Sr., Missouri
- WR** Ryan Broyles, Sr., Oklahoma
- WR** Justin Blackmon, Jr., Oklahoma State

DEFENSE

- DL** Tevin Elliott, So., Baylor
- DL** Jacques Smith, Sr., Missouri
- DL** Kheeston Randall, Sr., Texas
- DL** Brad Madison, r-Jr., Missouri
- LB** Travis Lewis, Sr., Oklahoma
- LB** Corey Nelson, So., Oklahoma
- LB** Jake Knott, Jr., Iowa State
- DB** Markelle Martin, Sr., Oklahoma State
- DB** Coryell Judie, Sr., Texas A&M
- DB** Blake Gideon, Sr., Texas
- DB** Ty Zimmerman, So., Kansas State

SPECIALISTS

- K** Grant Ressel, r-Sr., Missouri
- P** Quinn Sharp, Jr., Oklahoma State

CORYELL JUDIE



ASCENDING

TEXAS A&M

ATM Von Miller is gone, but defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter will find a way. All of the offensive playmakers, starting with quarterback Ryan Tannehill, return.



DESCENDING

TEXAS

Longhorns OK, we're a year late on this. But any season the Longhorns don't contend for the conference title is a downer. That will be the case again in 2011 as the rebuilding continues.



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BIG 12



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-----------------|------------|
| 5.3 | Tulsa | |
| 5.17 | @FLORIDA STATE | 47-17 |
| 5.24 | Missouri | 27-36 |
| 6.1 | Ball State | |
| 6.8 | Texas* | 28-20 |
| 6.15 | @KANSAS | |
| 6.22 | Texas Tech | 45-7 |
| 6.29 | @KANSAS STATE | |
| N.5 | Texas A&M | 19-33 |
| N.12 | Iowa State | 52-0 |
| N.19 | @Baylor | 53-24 |
| D.3 | @OKLAHOMA STATE | 47-41 |

*at Arlington, Texas

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Bob Stoops

13th year (129-31)
Career record: 129-31

Offensive coordinators:

Josh Heupel (1st year)
Jay Norvell (4th year)

Defensive coordinators:
Brent Venables (13th year)
Bobby Jack Wright (7th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 12-2 **BIG 12:** 6-2
(beat Connecticut in the Fiesta Bowl
Bowl, 48-20)

Stadium: Gaylord Family-Oklahoma
Memorial Stadium (82,112)

Tickets: 800-456-4668

Site: Norman

Official athletic Web site:
www.soonersports.com

OKLAHOMA



SOONERS

LANDRY JONES



First things first with Oklahoma. The Sooners, more often than not, take the handoff on a season and think of going all the way. It's national championship or bust, and only a few programs are designed to harbor this lofty ambition.

However, a problem for Oklahoma since unexpectedly winning the championship in 2000 in coach Bob Stoops' second season has been the finishing kick. Three times since 2003 the Sooners have stumbled in the title game, and on two other occasions they lost in a BCS bowl.

Five straight BCS bowl losses left Stoops and the program flustered, and Oklahoma took it out on poor Connecticut in January during a 48-20 Fiesta Bowl romp.

The Sooners scored early and often against the Huskies and, although a higher-profile opponent might have been preferred by the fan base, it's instructive to remember the previous visits to the same game produced losses to another Big East champion, West Virginia, and Boise State.

The thrashing of UConn allowed Oklahoma to remove the BCS bowl stain. Now, there's no more big bowl losing streak to trip up the thinking that

this team is good enough to win it all again.

"Is there any more pressure on us? Absolutely not," Stoops says. "We're expected to win all the time around here."

And make no mistake, this team is good enough to run the table in 2011.

Oklahoma returns 29 players with starting experience. So much talent is back that the Sooners signed only 17 players in February. The class would have been more crowded but stars such as weakside linebacker Travis Lewis and wide receiver Ryan Broyles decided against declaring early for the NFL draft. Both belong on any preseason All-America watch list.

Lewis, a senior, has started every game in his career and has led the team in tackles each season. He should hold a load of Oklahoma career records when his career is done.

The same goes for Broyles, who was a consensus All-American last season. Broyles was second nationally in receptions and fourth in receiving yards per game. He's also one of the Big 12's top punt return specialists.

Broyles' numbers might even improve this season if the Fiesta Bowl is an indication.

Quarterback Landry Jones attempted 49 passes and threw for 429 yards against the Huskies in the debut game for offensive coordinator Josh Heupel.

So, should we expect a bit more through the air in 2011? After all, Jones (who averaged 337 yards per game and completed 65.6 percent of his passes last year) is back, and the Sooners are losing the services of rushing leader DeMarco Murray.

"We're going to be very similar to what we've always done," Stoops says. "You try to play to your strengths."

The other Oklahoma receivers are also strong, led by Kenny Stills, Trey Franks and Dejuan Miller. The 6-4 Miller had just become a starter when he suffered a season-ending injury that forced him out of the final seven games.

The Sooners' offensive line was a problem in 2009, as the group couldn't protect Sam Bradford. However, it greatly improved last season and should continue the uptick thanks to the play of center Ben Habern and guard Gabe Ikard.

If healthy, Roy Finch will likely get the first call at running back. He is an electrifying 5-8 talent, but is coming off a stress fracture that forced him out of six games last season. Stoops will choose from among Brennan Clay, Brandon Williams and Jonathan Miller if Finch isn't 100 percent.

No Big 12 team uses the fullback as often or effectively as the Sooners, and Trey Millard follows a succession of hard-nosed players at this part-time position.

There is plenty of position drama on the defensive line. Ends Frank Alexander and Ronnell Lewis are returning starters who played better late in the season. Reserves R.J. Washington, who came to the program with high expectations, and David King, who has starting experience, are pushing for time as is promising redshirt freshman Geneo Grissom.

The two inside positions are manned by a four-player rotation led by Casey Walker and Stacy McGee.

With Lewis, Austin Box and Tony Jefferson along with solid reserves, Oklahoma is set at linebacker. However, the secondary has questions. Demontre Hurst is the only returning starter, with cornerback Jamell Fleming missing the spring because of academic issues. There's plenty of talent (there always is at Oklahoma); it's simply a matter of sorting through the candidates.

The kickers are solid. Jimmy Stevens doesn't have a monster leg but made 12 of his 13 attempts over the final four games last season. Punter Tress Way can boom them and looks to be a Ray Guy Award candidate this year.

RECRUITING REPORT

While the Sooners didn't have a big class (17 signees), they put together one of the most impressive ones in the country. Brandon Williams (Brookshire, Texas) is the headliner. The 6-0, 192-pound running back has great speed with a legit 4.4 time in the 40-yard dash and 21.45 in the 200 meters.

Williams is joined on the offensive side of the ball by a couple of athletic tight ends in Dan Tapko of Kansas City and Max Stevenson (Spring, Texas/Klein Oak). Both have ideal size and speed. Euless Trinity's Nila Kasitati (6-4, 285)

was a late addition to the class, but could have the highest upside of the three tight ends signed. Receiver Trey Metoyer (Whitehouse, Texas) was one of the country's best playmakers.

On defense, a trio of talented tackles makes this the deepest position in the class. The defensive tackle group is led by 6-6, 300-pound Jordan Phillips, who could also be dynamite as an offensive tackle. Texan Jordan Wade (6-3, 295) has terrific feet and impressive natural strength.

—Gerry Hamilton, 247Sports



GAME-CHANGER

Ryan Broyles, WR

Broyles has 266 career receptions and needs 51 to break Taylor Stubblefield's (Purdue) NCAA record. One of Broyles' goals this year is to play at about 10 pounds heavier than last year's frame of 182.

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

| Landry Jones | GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg./G |
|----------------|------|--------|-------------|-------|------|----|--------|
| 14 67-405-12 | 65.6 | 4718 | 38 | 337.0 | | | |

| RUSHING | GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg./G |
|-----------|--------|------|-----|----------|----|--------|
| Roy Finch | 8 85 | 398 | 4.7 | 2 49.8 | | |

| RECEIVING | GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg./G |
|--------------|----------|------|-----------|-------|----|--------|
| Ryan Broyles | 14 131 | 1622 | 12.4 14 | 115.9 | | |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| Travis Lewis | GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
|--------------|----|------|--------|-------|
| 14 | 63 | 46 | | 109 |

| SACKS | GP | No. | Yards |
|-----------------|----|-----|-------|
| Frank Alexander | 13 | 7.0 | 50 |

| INTERCEPTIONS | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|---------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| Travis Lewis | 3 | 43 | 14.3 | 0 |

2010 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS OKLAHOMA OPP

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING | 521 | 305 |
| Points Per Game | 37.2 | 21.8 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 371 | 248 |
| Rushing | 130 | 111 |
| Passing | 217 | 121 |
| Penalty | 24 | 16 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 1932 | 2085 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2303 | 2516 |
| Yards lost rushing | 371 | 431 |
| Rushing Attempts | 578 | 504 |
| Average Per Rush | 3.3 | 4.1 |
| Average Per Game | 138.0 | 148.9 |
| TDs Rushing | 23 | 14 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 4807 | 2981 |
| Att-Comp-Int | 414-633-12 | 271-496-19 |
| Average Per Pass | 7.6 | 6.0 |
| Average Per Catch | 11.6 | 11.0 |
| Average Per Game | 343.4 | 212.9 |
| TDs Passing | 38 | 15 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 6739 | 5066 |
| Total Plays | 1211 | 1000 |
| Average Per Play | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| Average Per Game | 481.4 | 361.9 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 42-935 | 81-1745 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 38-323 | 24-73 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 19-223 | 12-225 |

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | |
|--------|-----------------------------------|
| QB 12 | Landry Jones (6-4, 230, Jr.) |
| 15 | Drew Allen (6-5, 236, So.) |
| RB 21 | Brennan Clay (5-11, 185, So.) |
| 23 | Brandon Williams (5-11, 189, Fr.) |
| LDT 59 | Donald Stephenson (6-5, 303, Sr.) |
| 79 | Daryl Williams (6-4, 304, Fr.) |
| LOG 64 | Gabe Ikard (6-2, 290, So.) |
| 77 | Stephen Good (6-4, 293, Sr.) |
| C 61 | Ben Habern (6-2, 291, Jr.) |
| 50 | Austin Woods (6-4, 305, So.) |
| ROG 75 | Tyler Evans (6-5, 316, Jr.) |
| 74 | Adam Shead (6-3, 316, Fr.) |
| ROT 76 | Jarvis Jones (6-6, 308, Sr.) |
| 73 | Josh Aladeno (6-5, 316, So.) |
| TE 82 | James Hanna (6-4, 237, Sr.) |
| 89 | Austin Haywood (6-3, 239, So.) |
| WR 2 | Trey Franks (5-10, 184, So.) |
| 88 | Sheldon McClain (6-4, 284, Fr.) |
| WR 4 | Kenny Stills (6-0, 181, So.) |
| 24 | Dejuan Miller (6-4, 216, Sr.) |
| WR 85 | Ryan Broyles (5-11, 187, Sr.) |
| 3 | Joe Powell (5-11, 166, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| LDE 84 | Frank Alexander (6-3, 259, Sr.) |
| 90 | David King (6-4, 258, Jr.) |
| LDT 92 | Stacy McGee (6-4, 284, Jr.) |
| 97 | Jamarkus McFarland (6-1, 294, Jr.) |
| RDT 53 | Casey Walker (6-1, 308, Jr.) |
| 93 | Daniel Noble (6-2, 276, So.) |
| RDE 56 | Ronnell Lewis (6-2, 237, Jr.) |
| 91 | R.J. Washington (6-3, 261, Jr.) |
| SLB 1 | Tony Jefferson (5-10, 199, So.) |
| 5 | Joseph Ibiloje (6-2, 222, Jr.) |
| MLB 12 | Austin Box (6-1, 228, Sr.) |
| 21 | Tom Wort (6-0, 227, So.) |
| WLB 28 | Travis Lewis (6-2, 233, Sr.) |
| 7 | Corey Nelson (6-0, 208, So.) |
| LCB 9 | Gabe Lynn (6-0, 188, So.) |
| 2 | Julian Wilson (6-2, 182, Fr.) |
| RCB 6 | Demontre Hurst (5-9, 172, Jr.) |
| 35 | Julian Winters (5-10, 156, Fr.) |
| FS 30 | Javon Harris (5-11, 203, Jr.) |
| 27 | Sam Proctor (5-11, 226, Sr.) |
| SS 14 | Aaron Colvin (5-11, 175, So.) |
| 8 | James Haynes (6-0, 189, Fr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|------|-------------------------------|
| K 17 | Jimmy Stevens (5-5, 172, Sr.) |
| P 36 | Tress Way (6-1, 221, Jr.) |

Sporting News All-American

| TEAM STATISTICS | OKLAHOMA | OPP |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|
| KICK RETURN AVG. | 22.3 | |
| PUNT RETURN AVG. | 8.5 | 3.0 |
| INT RETURN AVG. | 11.7 | 18.8 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 23-6 | 28-13 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 72-592 | 102-851 |
| Average Per Game | 42.3 | 60.8 |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 73-3212 | 99-4153 |
| Average Per Punt | 44.0 | 41.9 |
| Net punt average | 40.5 | 37.5 |
| TIME OF POSSESS./GAME | 30:18 | 29:38 |
| 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 109/245 | 79/235 |
| 3rd-Down Pct. | 44% | 34% |
| 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 14/27 | 9/20 |
| 4th-Down Pct. | 52% | 45% |
| SACKS BY-YARDS | 37-276 | 21-197 |
| MISC YARDS | 0 | 0 |
| TDS SCORED | 64 | 35 |
| FG-ATTEMPTS | 23-29 | 20-24 |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | 62-63 | 33-34 |
| ATTENDANCE | 508,426 | 297,847 |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 6/84738 | 5/59569 |
| Neutral Site Games | 3/80681 | |

| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Oklahoma | 149 | 161 | 139 | 72 | 0 | 521 |
| Opponent | 56 | 73 | 64 | 112 | 0 | 305 |

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BIG 12



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|
| S.4 | SMU | |
| S.17 | Idaho | |
| S.24 | Oklahoma State | 35-38 |
| O.1 | Arkansas* | 17-24 |
| O.8 | @TEXAS TECH | 45-27 |
| O.15 | Baylor | 42-30 |
| O.22 | @IOWA STATE | |
| O.29 | Missouri | 9-30 |
| N.5 | @OKLAHOMA | 33-19 |
| N.12 | @KANSAS STATE | |
| N.19 | Kansas | 45-10 |
| N.24 | Texas | 24-17 |
| *at Arlington, Texas | | |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Mike Sherman

4th year (19-19)

Career record: 19-19

Offensive coordinator:

Mike Sherman (4th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Tim DeRuyter (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 9-4 BIG 12: 6-2

(lost to LSU in the Cotton Bowl, 41-24)

Stadium: Kyle Field (82,600)**Tickets:** 979-845-2311**Site:** College Station**Official athletic Web site:**www.aggieathletics.com

TEXAS A&M



AGGIES

CYRUS GRAY



Who would have thought when Texas A&M opened last season that its most effective quarterback was already on the field—at another position?

Those who knew Ryan Tannehill well did.

Tannehill replaced Jerrod Johnson, the 2010 preseason Big 12 Player of the Year, as the starter after seven games and began an amazing stretch for the Aggies.

Six straight victories included conquests of Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas. That had never happened in Texas A&M's Big 12 history, not even with those division-title teams in the late 1990s.

Texas A&M tied for first in the now-defunct South Division with Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. The season ended with a loss to LSU in the Cotton Bowl, but Aggies Pride had returned in a big way and Tannehill now leads a program with great expectations and 18 returning starters.

Before looking ahead, though, Johnson's demotion deserves an explanation. He had suffered a shoulder injury in the Independence Bowl the previous year that required offseason surgery, and wasn't the same upon his return. Johnson was coming off a year in which he

threw for nearly 3,600 yards, with 30 touchdowns and eight interceptions. He was also the school's career leader in total yards.

Johnson was a popular player and terrific leader and, for coach Mike Sherman, the switch to Tannehill was difficult on a personal level. But it had to be done and the Aggies were better for it.

"It was on me to seize the opportunity; it was on my shoulders," recalls Tannehill, who threw 13 touchdowns and six interceptions in his six starts.

His starting debut saw Tannehill throw for a school-record 449 yards in a victory over Texas Tech. His dream of becoming the Texas A&M quarterback had come true. It just took longer than he thought.

Tannehill had an outstanding high school career as a dual-threat quarterback, but was switched to wide receiver upon his arrival at College Station due to Johnson's presence. He was good there, too.

So now the goal is to keep Tannehill healthy, which would break the recent trend of Aggie QBs. Before Johnson's shoulder issue, there was Stephen McGee, who also missed much of his senior year with a shoulder injury.

A terrific offensive line should help. Last season, the Aggies went with a pair of freshmen tackles in Luke Joeckel and Jake Matthews, who steadily improved throughout the year. Brian Thomas, who finished last year at left guard, has also played center, while Patrick Lewis returns at right guard.

Running back Cyrus Gray finished with 1,133 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns last year. Christine Michael had been the starter but broke his right tibia shortly after midseason. Both are back.

Last year's leading receivers, Jeff Fuller and Ryan Swope, also return. Each caught 72 passes in 2010, with Fuller being named to the coaches all-conference team after a 12-touchdown season that saw him become the first-ever Aggie wideout to turn in a 1,000-yard campaign.

Prior to last season, the Aggies hired defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter from Air Force. It may have been one of the best coaching moves in college football.

Texas A&M had one of the nation's most improved defenses in 2010, and that was without end Von Miller matching his nation-leading 17 sacks from the previous year.

Miller, the 2010 Butkus Award winner, has moved on to the Denver Broncos, but DeRuyter has eight returning starters and will try to approach last year's high points that included three goal-line stands against Oklahoma and a 9-6 victory over Nebraska.

However, Miller was a major presence and won't be easily replaced. Sophomore Damontre Moore was Miller's backup in what Texas A&M calls the "Joker" position, which is a defensive end/linebacker hybrid. Caleb Russell also got looks at the position during the spring.

Miller had 10.5 sacks last season, and the 6-4, 248-pound Moore knows what's coming.

"There's pressure every day to live up to what (Miller) did," Moore says.

The interior linemen, two of the three linebackers and the entire secondary that started the Cotton Bowl are back. Look for inside linebacker Garrick Williams to become one of the team's leaders.

Cornerback Coryell Judie, who tied for the team lead last year with four interceptions, is back as is Trent Hunter, a two-year starter at safety. Sherman was especially high on Hunter's leadership through spring workouts.

While starting punter Ryan Epperson and kicker Randy Bullock return, the Aggies also signed two specialists, throwing open the competition.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Aggies signed 22 recruits in the 2011 class, but none bigger than Brenham (Texas) DE Brandon Alexander. Coach Mike Sherman and staff beat Texas head-to-head for the athletic 6-5, 235-pounder in the days leading up to Signing Day. Another late steal was DB Floyd Raven (Reserve, La.). The 6-1, 180-pound Raven was thought to be headed to Ole Miss, but ended up an Aggie. Kerrville (Texas) QB Johnny Manziel had a fantastic senior season, while athlete Howard Matthews (League City, Texas) could end up on either side of the ball. The 6-1, 205-pound

Matthews is likely to play safety, but is a very good red-zone runner. Center Ben Compton (Friendswood, Texas) was one of the state's more underrated prospects, while tackle Shayvion Hatten (Daingerfield, Texas) is one of the most athletic tackle prospects in the 2011 class. Texas A&M dipped into the junior college ranks to fill needs at nose guard, linebacker and safety. The Aggies also pulled a talented prospect from uncharted territory in outside linebacker Shaun Ward (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.).

—Gerry Hamilton, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 17 | Ryan Tannehill (6-4, 219, Sr.) |
| | 3 | Jameill Showers (6-1, 220, Fr.) |
| RB | 32 | Cyrus Gray (5-10, 198, Sr.) |
| | 33 | Christine Michael (5-11, 215, Jr.) |
| LOT | 76 | Luke Joeckel (6-6, 304, So.) |
| | 63 | Cedric Ogbuehi (6-5, 275, Fr.) |
| LOG | 71 | Brian Thomas (6-3, 303, Jr.) |
| | 51 | Jarvis Harrison (6-4, 330, Fr.) |
| C | 77 | Shep Klinke (6-7, 292, So.) |
| | 74 | Danny Baker (6-5, 306, Sr.) |
| ROG | 61 | Patrick Lewis (6-2, 303, Jr.) |
| | 65 | Evan Eike (6-4, 304, Sr.) |
| ROT | 75 | Jake Matthews (6-5, 295, So.) |
| | 73 | Rhontae Scales (6-6, 317, So.) |
| TE | 87 | Nehemiah Hicks (6-4, 248, So.) |
| | 19 | Michael Lamotte (6-3, 231, Jr.) |
| WR | 25 | Ryan Swope (6-0, 204, Jr.) |
| | 5 | Kenric McNeal (6-1, 180, Jr.) |
| WR | 7 | Uzoma Nwachukwu (6-0, 194, Jr.) |
| | 4 | Brendal Jackson (6-1, 182, Jr.) |
| WR | 8 | Jeff Fuller (6-4, 215, Sr.) |
| | 9 | Nate Askew (6-4, 223, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|------|----|-------------------------------------|
| LDE | 83 | Tony Jerod-Eddie (6-5, 300, Sr.) |
| | 90 | Ben Bass (6-5, 280, Sr.) |
| NT | 19 | Eddie Brown Jr. (6-0, 295, Sr.) |
| | 42 | Kirby Ennis (6-4, 280, So.) |
| RDE | 92 | Jonathan Mathis (6-2, 285, Sr.) |
| | 89 | Ivan Robinson (6-3, 270, So.) |
| LOLB | 10 | Sean Porter (6-2, 220, Jr.) |
| | 9 | Charlie Thomas (6-1, 212, So.) |
| LILB | 8 | Garrick Williams (6-2, 234, Sr.) |
| | 36 | Donnie Baggs (6-1, 205, Fr.) |
| RILB | 11 | Jonathan Stewart (6-4, 235, Jr.) |
| | 18 | Kyle Mangan (6-2, 230, Jr.) |
| ROLB | 47 | Caleb Russell (6-2, 231, Jr.) |
| | 94 | Damontre Moore (6-4, 248, So.) |
| LCB | 5 | Coryell Judie (5-11, 188, Sr.) |
| | 22 | Dustin Harris (6-0, 175, Jr.) |
| RCB | 7 | Terrence Frederick (5-10, 184, Sr.) |
| | 3 | Lionel Smith (6-0, 190, Sr.) |
| FS | 2 | Steven Campbell (6-0, 202, Jr.) |
| | 21 | Steven Terrell (5-10, 197, Jr.) |
| SS | 1 | Trent Hunter (5-10, 190, Sr.) |
| | 30 | Johntel Franklin (6-2, 200, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|-------------------------------|
| K | 28 | Randy Bullock (5-9, 205, Sr.) |
| P | 48 | Ryan Epperson (6-2, 191, Jr.) |

Sporting News All-American

2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | TAMU | OPP |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING | 406 | 285 |
| Points Per Game | 31.2 | 21.9 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 309 | 263 |
| Rushing | 123 | 102 |
| Passing | 162 | 141 |
| Penalty | 24 | 20 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2145 | 1692 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2567 | 2097 |
| Yards lost rushing | 422 | 405 |
| Rushing Attempts | 519 | 481 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.1 | 3.5 |
| Average Per Game | 165.0 | 130.2 |
| TDS Rushing | 19 | 14 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 3599 | 3044 |
| Att-Comp-Int | 311-515-15 | 308-510-16 |
| Average Per Pass | 7.0 | 6.0 |
| Average Per Catch | 11.6 | 9.9 |
| Average Per Game | 276.8 | 234.2 |
| TDS Passing | 28 | 19 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 5744 | 4736 |
| Total Plays | 1034 | 991 |
| Average Per Play | 5.6 | 4.8 |
| Average Per Game | 441.8 | 364.3 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 50-1206 | 64-1374 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 35-247 | 19-75 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 16-209 | 15-182 |

| TEAM STATISTICS | TAMU | OPP |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| KICK RETURN AVG. | 24.1 | 21.5 |
| PUNT RETURN AVG. | 7.1 | 3.9 |
| INT RETURN AVG. | 13.1 | 12.1 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 30-15 | 30-9 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 101-812 | 94-779 |
| Average Per Game | 62.5 | 59.9 |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 69-2461 | 85-3401 |
| Average Per Punt | 35.7 | 40.0 |
| Net punt average | 34.0 | 35.0 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 29:39 | 30:21 |
| 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 84/201 | 80/222 |
| 3rd-Down Pct. | 42% | 36% |
| 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 10/20 | 8/27 |
| 4th-Down Pct. | 50% | 30% |
| SACKS BY-YARDS | 30-231 | 37-272 |
| MISC YARDS | 75 | 0 |
| TDS SCORED | 51 | 35 |
| FG-ATTEMPTS | 16-21 | 14-20 |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | 50-50 | 31-34 |
| ATTENDANCE | 577338 | 238364 |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 7/82477 | 4/59591 |
| Neutral Site Games | 2/74568 | |

| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Texas A&M | 78 | 119 | 103 | 106 | 0 | 406 |
| Opponent | 70 | 89 | 89 | 37 | 0 | 285 |

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BIG 12



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|---------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Louisiana-Lafayette | 54-28 |
| S.10 | Arizona | 36-10 |
| S.17 | @TULSA | 65-28 |
| S.24 | @TEXAS A&M | 38-35 |
| O.8 | Kansas | 48-14 |
| O.15 | @TEXAS | 33-16 |
| O.22 | @MISSOURI | |
| O.29 | Baylor | 55-28 |
| N.5 | Kansas State | 24-14 |
| N.12 | @TEXAS TECH | 34-17 |
| N.18 | @IOWA STATE | |
| D.3 | Oklahoma | 41-47 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Mike Gundy7th year (47-29)
Career record: 47-29

Offensive coordinator:

Todd Monken (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Bill Young (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 11-2 BIG 12: 6-2(beat Arizona in the Alamo Bowl,
36-10)Stadium: Boone Pickens Stadium
(48,000)

Tickets: 405-744-5745

Site: Stillwater

Official athletic Web site:
www.okstate.com

OKLAHOMA STATE



COWBOYS

MARKELLE MARTIN



Which Big 12 program owns the most NCAA championships?

Texas? Wrong.

Oklahoma? Nope.

The answer is Oklahoma State. The school's Hall of Fame is stuffed with banners, memorabilia and portraits of amazing athletes and iconic coaches.

Where Oklahoma State comes up short, however, is in perhaps the most coveted of all college sports' hardware—conference football trophies. But now it has one that says "Big 12."

It was a division title, and shared with Oklahoma and Texas A&M, at that. And the Cowboys didn't get to play in the conference championship game after a heartbreaking loss to the Sooners in the regular-season finale.

Still, 34 years after winning a piece of a Big Eight championship for its last trophy, Oklahoma State grabbed a share of the South Division title, and the Cowboys' opportunity for more success this season got a huge boost when receiver Justin Blackmon announced he was returning to school.

Blackmon won the 2010 Biletnikoff Award after catching 111 passes for 1,782 yards and

20 touchdowns, and nobody saw it coming. The previous season as a redshirt freshman, Blackmon turned in a 20-catch, 260-yard effort.

Throwing to him will be Brandon Weeden, who also considered a jump to the NFL but is back to build on an amazing statistical season. Weeden became the first Oklahoma State quarterback to surpass 4,000 passing yards (4,277) and added 34 touchdown passes.

Weeden is back for his senior year, and no quarterback will be more of a senior citizen. A former minor league baseball player, Weeden will turn 28 during the season.

And to prove playing two sports on a high level in his lifetime wasn't enough, Weeden joined the Oklahoma State golf team as a walk-on in the spring, although he didn't miss any football workouts.

Blackmon won't be Weeden's only talented target. Hubert Anyiam, who led the Cowboys with 42 receptions in 2009, is back at full strength after hobbling through last season on a bum ankle. He's one of the team's fastest players.

Weeden, Blackmon, Anyiam and the rest of the high-powered offense will be working with a new

coordinator. Todd Monken had been the wide receivers coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars for the previous four seasons. This will be his second stint in Stillwater, having worked previously under Les Miles and alongside current head coach Mike Gundy.

When Miles went to LSU, Monken followed and coordinated the Tigers' passing game. He replaces Dana Holgorsen, who is now West Virginia's offensive coordinator and coach-in-waiting.

"Offense has never been an issue under coach Gundy," Monken says. "I want to blend what this team has done with what I have done to make this Oklahoma State's offense."

Ten starters are back on offense, but one of them isn't running back Kendall Hunter, who rushed for 1,548 yards and 16 touchdowns last year. Joseph Randle and Jeremy Smith are battling to replace Hunter.

Last year, Randle starred as a redshirt freshman and was terrific catching the ball out of the backfield, finishing with 37 receptions and 1,160 all-purpose yards. Smith became Oklahoma State's short-yardage back last season. Kye Staley is another candidate, and it's possible freshmen Herschel Sims or Desmond Roland could also see carries.

The tailbacks will be running behind an offensive line that returns all five starters, led by tackle Levy Adcock and center Grant Garner.

Defensively, the Cowboys look solid at end with Jamie Blatnick and Richetti Jones, although a spring practice chore for defensive coordinator Bill Young was to develop depth for the rotation. The interior was one of the team's biggest offseason question marks, with Nigel Nicholas the only returning player with experience.

Linebacker Shaun Lewis was named the Big 12's co-Defensive Freshman of the Year, and James Thomas, who plays behind Lewis, will see plenty of action. Caleb Lavey is the favorite to replace middle linebacker Orie Lemon.

The Cowboys should have one of the league's top secondaries, led by safeties Markelle Martin and Johnny Thomas. More good news came in the spring when Daytawion Lowe, slated for playing time last year before a shoulder injury, returned to workouts. The corners will be inexperienced, and it's likely three safeties will be on the field in passing situations.

Kicker Dan Bailey, the 2010 Lou Groza winner, won't be easy to replace. But the program has had good fortune with walk-ons and next in line could be Bobby Stonebraker. He'll compete with Quinn Sharp, who is also the punter, and freshman Matt Green.

RECRUITING REPORT

Oklahoma State put together a top-30 class with 27 signees, including some of the top playmakers from Texas. Running back Herschel Sims (Abilene, Texas) is an all-around back who will likely make an instant impact. Quarterback J.W. Walsh is one of the top dual-threat QBs in the country. He is joined in the class by two of his Denton (Texas) Guyer teammates in end Jimmie Bean and athlete Josh Stewart. Oklahoma State persuaded Stewart to decommit from Texas A&M, which was a big recruiting win for the Cowboys. All told, 20 of the

27 OSU signees were from Texas high schools or junior colleges. Defensively, snatching tackle James Castleman from Texas Tech was a key battle won, as was convincing the underrated Alex Villareal to switch from Houston. The 6-4, 295-pound Villareal is one of four defensive tackles coach Mike Gundy and his staff signed in the class. Safety Lyndell Johnson (Plano, Texas/East) and athlete Desmond Roland (Richardson, Texas/Lake Highlands) both have impressive size and speed.

—Gerry Hamilton, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| QB | 3 | Brandon Weeden (6-4, 213, Sr.) |
| 10 | Clint Chelf (6-1, 192, So.) | |
| RB | 1 | Joseph Randle (6-1, 191, So.) |
| 31 | Jeremy Smith (5-10, 202, So.) | |
| LOT | 75 | Nick Martinez (6-4, 302, Sr.) |
| 61 | Michael Bowie (6-4, 294, Jr.) | |
| LOG | 70 | Jonathan Rush (6-4, 298, Sr.) |
| 51 | Brandon Webb (6-3, 328, So.) | |
| C | 74 | Grant Garner (6-3, 289, Sr.) |
| 64 | Casey LaBrue (6-3, 264, Sr.) | |
| ROG | 68 | Lane Taylor (6-3, 327, Jr.) |
| 93 | Patrick Hoog (6-3, 279, Jr.) | |
| ROT | 73 | Levy Adcock (6-6, 322, Sr.) |
| 71 | Parker Graham (6-7, 291, So.) | |
| WR | 87 | Tracy Moore (6-1, 233, Jr.) |
| 14 | Justin Horton (6-3, 240, Jr.) | |
| WR | 25 | Josh Cooper (5-11, 189, Sr.) |
| 83 | Colton Chelf (5-9, 162, Sr.) | |
| WR | 84 | Hubert Anyiam (6-0, 202, Sr.) |
| 82 | Isaiah Anderson (5-10, 164, Jr.) | |
| WR | 81 | Justin Blackmon (6-1, 211, Jr.) |
| 7 | Michael Harrison (6-1, 211, So.) | |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| LDE | 99 | Richetti Jones (6-3, 256, Sr.) |
| 98 | Davidell Collins (6-5, 266, So.) | |
| LDT | 72 | Christian Littlehead (6-3, 332, Fr.) |
| 93 | Maurice Hayes (6-2, 323, Jr.) | |
| RDT | 89 | Nigel Nicholas (6-3, 279, Jr.) |
| 90 | Joe Okafor (6-6, 284, Fr.) | |
| RDE | 50 | Jamie Blatnick (6-3, 256, Sr.) |
| 96 | Ryan Robinson (6-4, 242, Jr.) | |
| SLB | 11 | Shaun Lewis (5-11, 214, So.) |
| 22 | James Thomas (5-11, 209, Sr.) | |
| MLB | 45 | Caleb Lavey (6-3, 231, So.) |
| 40 | Tyler Johnson (6-1, 237, So.) | |
| WLB | 33 | LeRon Furr (6-2, 233, So.) |
| 5 | Chris Dinkins (6-1, 224, So.) | |
| LCB | 18 | Devin Hedgepeth (5-11, 173, So.) |
| 16 | Andrae May (5-11, 175, Jr.) | |
| RCB | 19 | Brodrick Brown (5-8, 182, Jr.) |
| 4 | Justin Gilbert (6-0, 193, So.) | |
| FS | 12 | Johnny Thomas (5-11, 196, Jr.) |
| 8 | Daytawion Lowe (6-0, 188, So.) | |
| SS | 10 | Markelle Martin (6-1, 192, Sr.) |
| 2 | Lavocheya Cooper (6-0, 187, So.) | |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|-----------------------------|
| K | 13 | Quinn Sharp (6-1, 189, Jr.) |
| P | 13 | Quinn Sharp (6-1, 189, Jr.) |

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|------------|-------------|------|-----|-------|-------|
| Brandon Weeden | GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds | TD | Avg/G |
| 13 | 154.1 | 511-342-13 | 66.9 | 4277 | 34 | 329.0 | |

RUSHING

| | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|------|-----|------|------|-------|
| Joseph Randle | GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
| 13 | 82 | 452 | 5.5 | 2 | 34.8 | |

RECEIVING

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Justin Blackmon | GP | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
| 12 | 111 | 1782 | 16.1 | 20 | 148.5 | |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| | | | | |
|----------------|----|------|--------|-------|
| Brodrick Brown | GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
| 13 | 61 | 13 | 77 | |

SACKS

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Jamie Blatnick | GP | No. | Yards |
| 12 | 5.5 | 34 | |

INTERCEPTIONS

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| Shaun Lewis | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
| 3 | 95 | 31.7 | 1 | |
| Markelle Martin | 3 | 62 | 20.7 | 1 |
| Johnny Thomas | 3 | 26 | 8.7 | 1 |

2010 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS

| | OSU | OPP |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING | 575 | 343 |
| Points Per Game | 44.2 | 26.4 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 337 | 290 |
| Rushing | 119 | 108 |
| Passing | 200 | 158 |
| Penalty | 18 | 24 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2267 | 1738 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2508 | 2025 |
| Yards lost rushing | 241 | 287 |
| Rushing Attempts | 450 | 499 |
| Average Per Rush | 5.0 | 3.5 |
| Average Per Game | 174.4 | 133.7 |
| TDS Rushing | 26 | 15 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 4496 | 3586 |
| Att-Comp-Int | 357-532-14 | 356-570-19 |
| Average Per Pass | 8.5 | 6.3 |
| Average Per Catch | 12.6 | 10.1 |
| Average Per Game | 345.8 | 275.8 |
| TDS Passing | 36 | 24 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 6763 | 5324 |
| Total Plays | 982 | 1069 |
| Average Per Play | 6.9 | 5.0 |
| Average Per Game | 520.2 | 409.5 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 55-1261 | 50-1369 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 28-273 | 18-166 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 19-324 | 14-120 |

TEAM STATISTICS

| | OSU | OPP | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| KICK RETURN AVG. | 22.9 | 27.4 | | | | |
| PUNT RETURN AVG. | 9.8 | 9.2 | | | | |
| INT RETURN AVG. | 17.1 | 8.6 | | | | |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 19-8 | 20-15 | | | | |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 88-844 | 81-656 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 64.9 | 50.5 | | | | |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 51-2322 | 75-3128 | | | | |
| Average Per Punt | 45.5 | 41.7 | | | | |
| Net punt average | 40.7 | 36.7 | | | | |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 27:41 | 32:19 | | | | |
| 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 76/175 | 104/239 | | | | |
| 3rd-Down Pct. | 43% | 44% | | | | |
| 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 7/15 | 15/26 | | | | |
| 4th-Down Pct. | 47% | 58% | | | | |
| SACKS BY-YARDS | 30-188 | 10-119 | | | | |
| MISC YARDS | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| TDS SCORED | 71 | 43 | | | | |
| FG-ATTEMPTS | 27-31 | 14-18 | | | | |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | 68-70 | 41-41 | | | | |
| ATTENDANCE | 355684 | 277086 | | | | |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 7/50812 | 5/55417 | | | | |
| Neutral Site Games | 1/57593 | | | | | |
| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
| Oklahoma State | 127 | 164 | 168 | 116 | 0 | 575 |
| Opponent | 62 | 124 | 47 | 110 | 0 | 343 |

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SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| 5.3 | Miami (Ohio) | 51-13 |
| 5.9 | @ARIZONA STATE | |
| 5.17 | Western Illinois | |
| 5.24 | @OKLAHOMA | 36-27 |
| 6.8 | @KANSAS STATE | 38-28 |
| 6.15 | Iowa State | 14-0 |
| 6.22 | Oklahoma State | |
| 6.29 | @TEXAS A&M | 30-9 |
| 7.5 | @Baylor | |
| 7.12 | Texas | |
| 7.19 | Texas Tech | 17-24 |
| 7.26 | Kansas* | 35-7 |

*at Kansas City, Mo.

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Gary Pinkel

11th year (77-49)

Career record: 150-86-3

Offensive coordinator:

David Yost (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Dave Steckel (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 10-3 BIG 12: 6-2

(lost to Iowa in the Insight Bowl, 27-24)

Stadium: Memorial Stadium/Faurot Field (68,349)

Tickets: 800-CAT-PAWS

Site: Columbia

Official athletic Web site:

www.mutigers.com

MISSOURI

TIGERS

T.J. MOE



In early April, coach Gary Pinkel signed a contract extension, and that says plenty about Missouri's program.

First, the Tigers have their coach for the foreseeable future. Pinkel signed on through 2017 and, although such deals rarely prevent a coach from fleeing if an attractive offer came along, this deal seems mutually beneficial. Pinkel likes Mizzou, and Mizzou wants Pinkel.

"I intend to coach as long as they'll have me," Pinkel says.

The extension through 2017 pays Pinkel \$2.6 million annually, including incentives, and makes him the third-highest-paid coach in the Big 12 and among the top 15 nationally.

With Pinkel starting his 11th season, the Tigers are enjoying the fruits of coaching consistency. This was a program that, through the 1980s and 1990s, was starting over about every five years.

Now, it's a program good enough to knock off

top-ranked Oklahoma last season, good enough to have won 40 games over the past four seasons and good enough—on the strong assumption Blaine Gabbert will make the Jaguars' roster—to send its third straight quarterback to the NFL.

Historians can debate where this run of success stacks up with some of the best eras in Missouri's history. But clearly, these are good times.

What would make them better is a run for a conference championship. The Tigers have won division titles and played in the Big 12 championship game, but divisions and conference title games no longer exist.

So instead of battling five other teams to finish first, the Tigers must now scale nine programs, including Oklahoma, Texas and others in what used to be the Big 12 South.

Like five others in the conference, Missouri begins anew at quarterback. Gabbert wasn't perfect, as that pick-six for the losing touchdown against Iowa in the Insight Bowl burned the Mizzou



retinas. However, Gabbert maintained the program's excellence at the position following Brad Smith and Chase Daniel.

Now, it's (fill in the blank)'s turn. Spring practice came and went without a definitive starter, but Pinkel loves his options.

James Franklin, last year's top reserve, had some terrific moments, including a short touchdown run that helped clinch the Oklahoma victory. He was also the team's leading rusher against Colorado.

Franklin is the most mobile of the candidates, and would seem to be the best choice if Missouri wanted to go with more zone read.

Pushing Franklin and pulling even with him in spring ball was Tyler Gabbert, Blaine's brother. At 6-0, Tyler is about five inches shorter than his older brother, but he has the arm strength and is obviously familiar with what the Tigers have been doing offensively for the past three years. He sat out last season as a redshirt, and started his push during the Tigers' bowl practices in December.

Ashton Glaser, a sophomore who ran the third team last season, is also in the mix along with freshman Corbin Berkstesser.

But the battle appears to be between Franklin and Gabbert, and perhaps part of the position's success over the years is that Pinkel has never wavered on his guy. No split decisions, few controversies ... Pinkel picks his guy and sticks with him. In previous years, Pinkel has waited until fall to name his starter.

Whoever leads the Tigers will be surrounded by plenty of talent, as the team lost just one other starter on offense. Four returning regulars on the offensive line should further strengthen a running game that rushed for more than 2,000 yards and 28 touchdowns in 2010.

Michael Egnew continues the long line of superb Mizzou tight ends, while the receiving corps of T.J. Moe, Wes Kemp and Jerrell Jackson returns intact.

The bigger losses were on defense, starting with freakishly talented end Aldon Smith, who declared for the NFL draft after two years and 17 career sacks. But the Tigers should still get plenty of heat on the quarterback.

When Smith went down with a broken bone in his leg, Brad Madison stepped in and wound up leading the Tigers in sacks. Jacques Smith brings pressure from the other side.

Zaviar Gooden and Will Ebner return at linebacker, and two starters are back from a much-improved secondary: strong safety Kenji Jackson and cornerback Kip Edwards.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Tigers didn't have big numbers in the 2011 class, but signed a solid 17-man group. The newcomers are led by defensive tackle Sheldon Richardson, who signed with Missouri two years ago but failed to qualify and went to junior college. The 6-4, 290-pounder should make an immediate impact and quickly become one of the top defensive tackles in the conference. Richardson is joined on the defensive line by talented tackle Gerrard Johnson of Rayville, La., and end Shane Ray (Shawnee, Kan./Mis-

sion).

Missouri dipped into the Lone Star State (as it always does), inkling nine Texas players. Safety Cortland Browning was a steal. Two of the nine Texans are linebackers, and could join Kentrell Brothers (Guthrie, Okla.) to form an athletic trio of the future.

Corbin Berkstesser is a strong-armed, pro-style quarterback with developing feet. On the offensive line, Texan Michael Boddie was among the most underrated prospects in the Southwest.

—Gerry Hamilton, 247Sports



GAME-CHANGER

Michael Egnew, TE

We don't often look to the tight end as a game-changer, but Missouri is different. The Tigers use the position as an offensive weapon and their latest model is Egnew, the program's third straight at the position to receive All-America honors after a season in which he led the nation's tight ends with 90 receptions.

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

| James Franklin | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------|-------------|------|------|----|-------|
| GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg/G |
| 10 | 151.5 | 14-11-1 | 78.6 | 106 | 1 | 10.6 |

| De'Vion Moore | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|------|-----|------|----|-------|
| RUSHING | GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
| De'Vion Moore | 13 | 99 | 517 | 5.2 | 8 | 39.8 |

| T.J. Moe | | | | | | |
|-----------|----|-----|------|------|----|-------|
| RECEIVING | GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
| T.J. Moe | 13 | 92 | 1045 | 11.4 | 6 | 80.4 |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| Zaviar Gooden | | | |
|---------------|------|--------|-------|
| GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
| Zaviar Gooden | 13 | 50 | 35 |

| Brad Madison | | | |
|--------------|-----|-------|----|
| GP | No. | Yards | |
| Brad Madison | 13 | 7.5 | 67 |

| Zaviar Gooden | | | |
|---------------|-----|-------|------|
| INTERCEPTIONS | No. | Yards | Avg. |
| Zaviar Gooden | 2 | 10 | 5.0 |

| Kenji Jackson | | | |
|---------------|-----|-------|------|
| INTERCEPTIONS | No. | Yards | Avg. |
| Kenji Jackson | 2 | 48 | 24.0 |

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | |
|--------|-------------------------------------|
| QB 1 | James Franklin (6-2, 225, So.) |
| 7 | Tyler Gabbert (6-0, 190, Fr.) |
| RB 4 | Kendial Lawrence (5-9, 190, Jr.) |
| 26 | De'Vion Moore (5-9, 195, Sr.) |
| LOT 72 | Elvis Fisher (6-5, 295, Sr.) |
| 70 | Anthony Gatti (6-6, 295, Fr.) |
| LOG 71 | Jayson Palmgren (6-2, 305, Sr.) |
| 68 | Justin Britt (6-5, 295, So.) |
| C 53 | Travis Ruth (6-3, 295, Jr.) |
| 65 | Mitch Morse (6-6, 290, Fr.) |
| ROG 66 | Austin Wuebbels (6-4, 295, Sr.) |
| 75 | Jack Meiners (6-6, 305, Jr.) |
| ROT 77 | Dan Hoch (6-7, 315, Sr.) |
| 74 | Chris Freeman (6-8, 325, So.) |
| TE 82 | Michael Egnew (6-6, 240, Sr.) |
| 81 | Eric Waters (6-4, 230, So.) |
| WR 28 | T.J. Moe (6-0, 200, Jr.) |
| 3 | Gahn McGaffie (5-10, 190, Jr.) |
| WR 29 | Jerrell Jackson (6-1, 185, Sr.) |
| 2 | L'Damian Washington (6-4, 185, So.) |
| WR 8 | Wes Kemp (6-4, 220, Sr.) |
| 16 | Brandon Gerau (6-0, 185, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| LDE 3 | Jacques Smith (6-4, 255, Sr.) |
| 52 | Michael Sam (6-3, 255, So.) |
| LDT 93 | Terrell Resorno (6-5, 295, Sr.) |
| 91 | Jimmy Burge (6-2, 290, Jr.) |
| RDT 90 | Dominique Hamilton (6-5, 305, Sr.) |
| 94 | Marvin Foster (6-2, 285, So.) |
| RDE 57 | Brad Madison (6-4, 265, Jr.) |
| 97 | Kony Ealy (6-5, 250, Fr.) |
| SLB 48 | Andrew Wilson (6-3, 230, So.) |
| 15 | Donovan Bonner (6-2, 235, So.) |
| MLB 32 | Will Ebner (6-1, 230, Sr.) |
| 33 | Luke Lambert (6-3, 230, Sr.) |
| WLB 25 | Zaviar Gooden (6-2, 225, Jr.) |
| 12 | Darvin Ruisse (6-2, 225, Fr.) |
| LCB 31 | E.J. Gaines (5-10, 190, So.) |
| 21 | Trey Hobson (5-11, 185, Sr.) |
| RCB 1 | Kip Edwards (6-1, 195, Jr.) |
| 22 | Robert Steeple (6-1, 195, Jr.) |
| FS 10 | Tavon Bolden (6-2, 205, So.) |
| 17 | Matt White (6-0, 185, So.) |
| SS 13 | Kenji Jackson (5-10, 200, Sr.) |
| 30 | Kenronte Walker (6-0, 205, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|------|------------------------------|
| K 95 | Grant Ressel (6-2, 190, Sr.) |
| P 97 | Trey Barrow (6-1, 195, Jr.) |

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2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | MISSOURI | OPP |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING | 388 | 209 |
| Points Per Game | 29.8 | 16.1 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 287 | 248 |
| Rushing | 108 | 101 |
| Passing | 162 | 126 |
| Penalty | 17 | 21 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2033 | 1988 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2344 | 2372 |
| Yards lost rushing | 311 | 384 |
| Rushing Attempts | 439 | 484 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| Average Per Game | 156.4 | 152.9 |
| TDs Rushing | 28 | 12 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 3292 | 2645 |
| Att-Cmp-Int | 312-490-10 | 249-441-18 |
| Average Per Pass | 6.7 | 6.0 |
| Average Per Catch | 10.6 | 10.6 |
| Average Per Game | 253.2 | 203.5 |
| TDs Passing | 17 | 13 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 5325 | 4633 |
| Total Plays | 929 | 925 |
| Average Per Play | 5.7 | 5.0 |
| Average Per Game | 409.6 | 356.4 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 33-696 | 66-1447 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 26-158 | 24-95 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 18-359 | 10-131 |

| TEAM STATISTICS | MISSOURI | OPP |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|
| KICK RETURN AVG. | 21.1 | 21.9 |
| PUNT RETURN AVG. | 6.1 | 4.0 |
| INT RETURN AVG. | 19.9 | 13.1 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 20-8 | 24-11 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 79-747 | 80-614 |
| Average Per Game | 57.5 | 47.2 |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 71-3028 | 67-2710 |
| Average Per Punt | 42.6 | 40.4 |
| Net punt average | 39.1 | 36.9 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 29:08 | 30:48 |
| 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 70/181 | 81/203 |
| 3rd-Down Pct. | 38% | 40% |
| 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 6/12 | 9/25 |
| 4th-Down Pct. | 50% | 36% |
| SACKS BY-YARDS | 38-250 | 22-140 |
| MISC YARDS | 0 | 0 |
| TDS SCORED | 48 | 26 |
| FG-ATTEMPTS | 17-19 | 10-20 |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | 45-47 | 21-22 |
| ATTENDANCE | 369240 | 266803 |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 6/61540 | 4/66701 |
| Neutral Site Games | 3/55767 | |

| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Missouri | 108 | 108 | 108 | 64 | 0 | 388 |
| Opponent | 51 | 58 | 44 | 56 | 0 | 209 |

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BIG 12

LONGHORNS

And now for something completely different ..."

Those who remember the old Monty Python line know it applies to Texas, but nobody with an interest in the program was amused.

Texas went from an undefeated regular season and playing in the BCS national championship game to the most wretched of coach Mack Brown's 13 seasons. It was a year that included a winless run at home against Big 12 opponents and a last-place finish in the final South Division standings.

The Longhorns figured to fight through some transition with the close of the Colt McCoy era, but what happened last year could not have been envisioned.

"Obviously, when you have a tough year like we did, you need to restart," Brown says.

As soon as the season closed, Texas began to repair the damage with a coaching staff overhaul. The offensive changes were expected after a miserable season in which the Longhorns' passing game never materialized and running backs didn't develop.

What Texas didn't expect was for defensive coordinator Will Muschamp, the designated successor to Brown, to become Florida's head coach. Lost in the wreckage of the Longhorns' season was a terrific defense, and now it becomes the responsibility of Manny Diaz, who previously helped shape Mississippi State's defense.

Offensively, the coordinators become former UT quarterback Major Applewhite and Bryan Harsin, who at one point appeared to be a Boise State lifer. He was a backup QB for the Broncos and, during his coaching career with the team, helped lead the most prolific scoring offense of the previous decade.

Texas needs to identify a quarterback, and that didn't happen in spring practice. In 2010, Garrett Gilbert was projected to have a rookie season like McCoy's. When McCoy succeeded Vince Young after the 2005 national title season, things weren't perfect. But Texas simplified the offense and still managed a 10-victory campaign.

Gilbert, who had 10 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions last season, remains in the mix with three others—Case McCoy (Colt's brother), Connor Wood and David Ash.

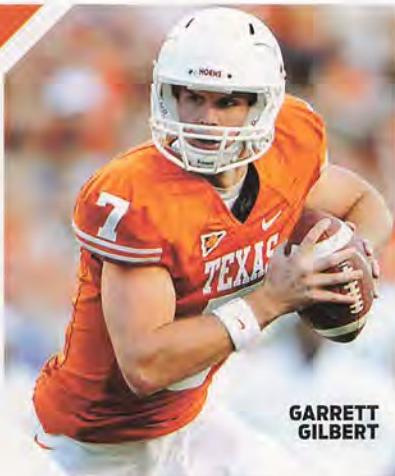
Perhaps the biggest issue is on the offensive line. That unit hasn't produced much in the last few years and Texas will give strong looks to freshmen.

The team's stalwarts are on defense. Tackle Kheeston Randall is one of the Big 12's best. Leadership responsibility will fall on him, linebacker Emmanuel Acho and safety Blake Gideon.

GAME-CHANGER

Kheeston Randall, DT

Randall played well in spurts last season and, with more consistency, can become the Longhorns' best defensive player and continue the run of powerful Texas tackles such as Casey Hampton, Shaun Rogers, Frank Okam and Roy Miller. Last season, 13 of Randall's 39 tackles were for loss.



GARRETT GILBERT



PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 7 | Garrett Gilbert (6-4, 218, Jr.) |
| FB | 41 | Jamison Berryhill (5-11, 220, Jr.) |
| RB | 2 | Fozzy Whittaker (5-10, 198, Sr.) |
| LOT | 56 | Tray Allen (6-4, 310, Sr.) |
| LOG | 75 | Trey Hopkins (6-4, 290, So.) |
| C | 78 | David Snow (6-4, 295, Sr.) |
| ROG | 72 | Mason Walters (6-6, 305, So.) |
| ROT | 70 | Paden Kelly (6-7, 305, So.) |
| TE | 89 | Barrett Matthews (6-2, 235, Jr.) |
| WR | 1 | Mike Davis (6-2, 186, So.) |
| WR | 4 | Darius White (6-3, 200, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| DE | 80 | Alex Okafor (6-4, 260, Jr.) |
| DT | 91 | Kheeston Randall (6-5, 295, Sr.) |
| DT | 85 | Ashton Dorsey (6-2, 295, So.) |
| DE | 44 | Jackson Jeffcoat (6-5, 253, So.) |
| SLB | 18 | Emmanuel Acho (6-2, 240, Sr.) |
| MLB | 1 | Keenan Robinson (6-3, 235, Sr.) |
| WLB | 3 | Jordan Hicks (6-2, 228, So.) |
| CB | 17 | Adrian Phillips (5-11, 199, So.) |
| CB | 23 | Carrington Byndom (6-0, 175, So.) |
| FS | 21 | Blake Gideon (6-1, 205, Sr.) |
| SS | 8 | Kenny Vaccaro (6-1, 214, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|-------------------------------|
| K | 19 | Justin Tucker (6-1, 185, Sr.) |
| P | 19 | Justin Tucker (6-1, 185, Sr.) |

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| S.3 | Rice | 34-17 |
| S.10 | BYU | |
| S.17 | @UCLA | 12-34 |
| O.1 | @IOWA STATE | 21-28 |
| O.8 | Oklahoma* | 20-28 |
| O.15 | Oklahoma State | 16-33 |
| O.29 | Kansas | |
| N.5 | Texas Tech | 24-14 |
| N.12 | @MISSOURI | |
| N.19 | Kansas State | 14-39 |
| N.24 | @TEXAS A&M | 17-24 |
| D.3 | @BAYLOR | 22-30 |

*at Dallas

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUTS

1 ▶ Steve Edmond: ILB, 6-3, 240

Edmond is a playmaker who has a knack for working through and around blocks, and is a finisher as a tackler. He has the chance to see the field as a freshman.

2 ▶ Sedrick Flowers: G, 6-3, 285

Flowers is a punisher in the run game with terrific feet. Naturally strong and flexible, he played tackle as a sophomore and junior.

3 ▶ Malcolm Brown: RB, 6-0, 220

Brown is considered the jewel of the class by Texas fans. The Longhorns have struggled running the football in the last couple of years. The powerful Brown should help solve some of that problem.

4 ▶ Jaxon Shipley: WR, 6-1, 185

Shipley could be the first member of the 2011 class to see the field. The younger brother of former Texas and current Cincinnati Bengals receiver Jordan Shipley is refined in every aspect of the game.

5 ▶ Quandre Diggs: ATH, 5-9, 198

A four-year varsity starter, Diggs is the brother of former Texas and current Chargers corner Quentin Jammer.

BAYLOR



BEARS

BIG 12

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 10 | Robert Griffin III (6-2, 220, Jr.) |
| RB | 21 | Jarred Salubi (5-9, 205, Jr.) |
| LOT | 68 | Cyril Richardson (6-3, 315, So.) |
| LOG | 71 | Cameron Kaufhold (6-4, 310, Jr.) |
| C | 74 | Philip Blake (6-2, 315, Sr.) |
| ROG | 79 | Robert T. Griffin (6-6, 335, Sr.) |
| ROT | 78 | Ivory Wade (6-4, 295, Jr.) |
| TE | 18 | Jordan Najvar (6-6, 260, So.) |
| WR | 1 | Kendall Wright (5-10, 190, Sr.) |
| WR | 12 | Josh Gordon (6-4, 220, Jr.) |
| WR | 2 | Terrance Williams (6-2, 195, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------------|
| LDE | 18 | Tevin Elliott (6-3, 250, So.) |
| LDT | 13 | Tracy Robertson (6-4, 275, Sr.) |
| RDT | 90 | Nicolas Jean-Baptiste (6-2, 315, Sr.) |
| RDE | 10 | Gary Mason Jr. (6-4, 265, Jr.) |
| WLB | 15 | Brody Trahan (5-11, 215, So.) |
| MLB | 4 | Elliot Coffey (6-0, 230, Sr.) |
| NB | 6 | Ahmad Dixon (6-0, 200, So.) |
| LCB | 9 | Chance Casey (5-11, 185, Jr.) |
| RCB | 27 | Tyler Stephenson (5-11, 165, So.) |
| CS | 17 | Mike Hicks (5-11, 195, Jr.) |
| DS | 25 | Sam Holl (6-1, 195, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 43 | Aaron Jones (6-3, 180, So.) |
| P | 36 | Spencer Roth (6-6, 220, Fr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ B.J. Allen: ATH, 5-11, 175

Allen was one Texas' top prep playmakers as a senior. With 4.4 speed, he could play running back, slot receiver or cornerback.

2 ▶ Spencer Drango: OT, 6-6, 265

The in-state product helped lead Cedar Park to the state semifinals in basketball. He has great quickness and agility.

3 ▶ David Whitmore: CB, 6-1, 180

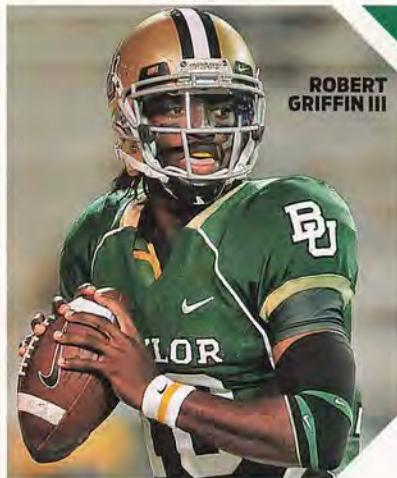
Whitmore, who can cover and play the run equally well, has a chance to be an instant-impact recruit for the Bears. He has the ball skills needed to excel in the pass-happy Big 12, and could play corner or safety.

4 ▶ LaQuan McGowan: OT, 6-6, 335

McGowan may have the highest ceiling of any prospect the Bears signed. The mammoth tackle can dunk a basketball with ease and has quick feet. Baylor snatched the sleeper out underrecruited Amarillo.

5 ▶ Jermaine Selders: RB, 5-11, 185

Selders was committed to West Virginia for three months before signing with Baylor. The speedy back with excellent hands is coming off an ACL tear.



ROBERT GRIFFIN III



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| 5.2 | TCU | 10-45 |
| 5.17 | Stephen F. Austin | |
| 5.24 | Rice | 30-13 |
| 6.1 | @KANSAS STATE | 47-42 |
| 6.8 | Iowa State | |
| 6.15 | @TEXAS A&M | 30-42 |
| 6.29 | @OKLAHOMA STATE | 28-55 |
| 7.5 | Missouri | |
| 7.12 | @KANSAS | 55-7 |
| 7.19 | Oklahoma | 24-53 |
| 7.26 | Texas Tech* | 38-45 |
| 8.3 | Texas | 30-22 |

*at Arlington, Texas

COACH

Art Briles

4th year (15-22)

Career record: 49-51

Offensive coordinator:

Randy Clements (4th year)
Philip Montgomery (4th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Phil Bennett (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 7-6 BIG 12: 4-4
(lost to Illinois in the Texas Bowl, 38-14)

Stadium: Floyd Casey Stadium

(50,000)

Tickets: 800-BAYLOR-U

Site: Waco, Texas

Official athletic Web site:

www.baylorbears.com

Like it has done in recent years, Baylor again fell into a late-season swoon, losing its final four games in 2010.

But all that meant was the Bears weren't going to win the South Division and play in a high-profile bowl game.

As it was, Baylor finished with seven victories, finally turning in a winning season. Four former coaches in the Big 12 era couldn't get that done.

It took Art Briles and a special quarterback, Robert Griffin III, plus other talented players to get the Bears over the hump. And the season could have been more.

When Baylor won at Texas on Oct. 30, the Bears stood 7-2 overall and were in first place in the Big 12. They also cracked the polls for the first time since 1993.

Then the schedule grew fangs. The regular season ended with games against three ranked teams. Baylor lost them all.

The most disappointing showing came in the Texas Bowl, where the Bears suffered a 24-point loss to Illinois. Despite the fade at the end, there was a line of thinking that the corner had been turned.

Griffin leads the list of returning players. All he has done is lead a culture change at Baylor. You could say the Bears are a year behind schedule because Griffin missed most of the 2009 season with a torn ACL. The year off gave Griffin an appreciation for what the Bears accomplished last season.

"When I first got here I thought it would be easy to get six wins and go to a bowl game," Griffin recalls. "I had a rude awakening."

Griffin is one of eight returning offensive starters. The big hole to fill is at running back, where the leader to replace Jay Finley is a Waco product, Jarred Salubi.

The receiving corps is strong, led by wideouts Kendall Wright and Josh Gordon. In all, Baylor's top five receivers are back.

Briles believes his offensive line could be the best in his four years, even with the loss of standout left tackle Danny Watkins. Cyril Richardson steps in for him and Philip Blake is back for his third year as the starting center.

The defense will now be led by coordinator Phil Bennett, who returns to the Big 12 after leading Pittsburgh to a bowl victory as its interim coach. Bennett is a native Texan who was the defensive coordinator at Kansas State from 1999-2001. Baylor should be tough up front with the return of nose guard Nicolas Jean-Baptiste and defensive ends Gary Mason Jr. and Tevin Elliott. The Bears are counting on a big season from middle linebacker Elliot Coffey. Baylor will also introduce a nickel back position this year.

GAME-CHANGER

Robert Griffin III, QB

The problem with defending Griffin is that he's elusive on the ground and also throws the ball well. He's coming off a season in which he completed 67 percent of his passes for 3,501 yards. He threw a 94-yard touchdown pass and rushed for a 71-yard score. What's a defensive end to do?

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TEXAS TECH

BIG 12

RED RAIDERS

It might not have been a guns a' blazing kind of year for Texas Tech, but for a coaching-transition season, the Red Raiders provided enough encouragement in 2010 to believe the coming campaign could be better.

Texas Tech wound up 8-5 overall and 3-5 in the Big 12 in Tommy Tuberville's first season in Lubbock. Gone were the otherworldly passing numbers, although the offense showed bite at times, including hanging 45 points on Northwestern in a TicketCity Bowl victory.

When he took the job, Tuberville said he wasn't interested in making many offensive changes. Why mess with a good thing? He wanted to bring more defensive attitude to Texas Tech. That's what gets it done in the SEC, Tuberville's previous address.

However, the Red Raiders finished 114th nationally in total defense. There were some good moments, like a strong second half in a victory over Missouri. But mostly Texas Tech struggled in its 3-4 scheme.

Enter new defensive coordinator Chad Glasgow. He had worked on TCU's staff since 2001 as the safeties coach and was one of the architects of what is perhaps college football's most consistently stout defense. Ask Wisconsin, which fell to the Horned Frogs in the Rose Bowl.

Glasgow inherited seven returning starters, and the Red Raiders have now switched to a 4-2-5 scheme (mirroring TCU), in hopes for more speed on defense.

One of the keys to the Horned Frogs' success—they led the nation in total defense four times in the last 10 years—was a strong pass rush. Among Texas Tech's spring personnel changes to get tougher up front was moving a pair of ends, Kerry Hyder and Donald Langley, to the interior.

There's also change on offense, but not as drastic. Gone are Taylor Potts and Steven Sheffield, who shared the quarterback duties over the past two seasons. But the Red Raiders aren't exactly starting over with Seth Doege.

Including his final two years in high school, Doege has started only one game in the last five years. But he's the only quarterback on the roster who has appeared in a college game and, in that start, Texas Tech defeated Kansas in 2009.

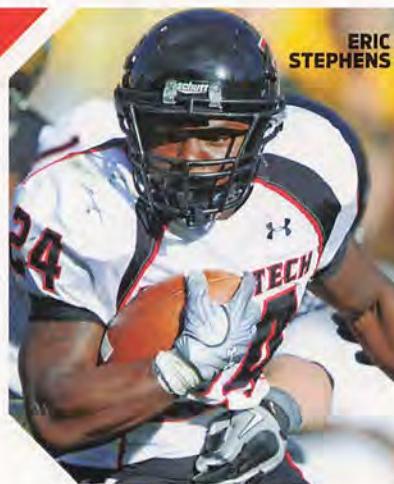
Tuberville had so much confidence in Doege that the junior received 50 percent of the snaps in spring ball, while the three other candidates combined for the other half.

Freshmen figure to be a big part of Texas Tech's program this season, as the Red Raiders scored the highest-rated class in school history. Five early-entry freshmen joined the program in time for spring practice.

GAME-CHANGER

Eric Stephens, FL

There's plenty of talk at Texas Tech about youth and change, but a proven weapon is Stephens, who finished second in the Big 12 in all-purpose yards last year and rushed for 126 yards, including an 88-yard scoring run, in the TicketCity Bowl victory over Northwestern.



PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 7 | Seth Doege (6-1, 200, Jr.) |
| RB | 20 | Ronnie Daniels (6-1, 195, Fr.) |
| LOT | 68 | Terry McDaniel (6-6, 315, Jr.) |
| LOG | 78 | Lonnie Edwards (6-4, 322, Sr.) |
| C | 73 | Justin Keown (6-4, 300, Sr.) |
| ROG | 66 | Deveric Gallington (6-3, 314, Jr.) |
| ROT | 74 | Mickey Okafor (6-6, 305, Sr.) |
| WR | 18 | Eric Ward (6-0, 202, So.) |
| WR | 6 | Austin Zouzalik (5-11, 191, Jr.) |
| WR | 8 | Alex Torres (6-1, 199, Jr.) |
| FL | 24 | Eric Stephens (5-8, 192, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 41 | Sam Fehoko (6-0, 233, Sr.) |
| LDT | 91 | Kerry Hyder (6-2, 265, So.) |
| RDT | 98 | Donald Langley (6-2, 274, Sr.) |
| RDE | 54 | Dartwan Bush (6-1, 248, So.) |
| SLB | 42 | Daniel Cobb (6-0, 215, So.) |
| MLB | 51 | Equin Hubert (6-2, 231, So.) |
| LCB | 4 | Derrick Mays (5-10, 174, So.) |
| RCB | 5 | Tre' Porter (6-0, 182, So.) |
| FS | 12 | D.J. Johnson (6-0, 190, Jr.) |
| SS | 1 | Terrance Bullitt (6-3, 191, So.) |
| WS | 16 | Cody Davis (6-2, 194, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|
| K | 49 | Donnie Carona (5-11, 217, Sr.) |
| P | 26 | Ryan Erxleben (6-1, 192, So.) |

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| 5.3 | Texas State | |
| 5.17 | @NEW MEXICO | 52-17 |
| 5.24 | Nevada | |
| 6.1 | @KANSAS | |
| 6.8 | Texas A&M | 27-45 |
| 6.15 | Kansas State | |
| 6.22 | @OKLAHOMA | 7-45 |
| 6.29 | Iowa State | 38-52 |
| 7.5 | @TEXAS | 14-24 |
| 7.12 | Oklahoma State | 17-34 |
| 7.19 | @MISSOURI | 24-17 |
| 7.26 | Baylor | 45-38 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Tommy Tuberville

2nd year (8-5)

Career record: 118-65

Offensive coordinator:

Neal Brown (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Chad Glasgow (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 8-5 BIG 12: 3-5
(beat Northwestern in the TicketCity Bowl, 45-38)

Stadium: Jones AT&T Stadium (52,882)

Tickets: 806-742-TECH

Site: Lubbock

Official athletic Web site:
www.texastech.com

RATING THE RECRUITS

- 1 ▶ Jace Amaro: TE, 6-4, 235
The Red Raiders inked one of the nation's top tight ends in Amaro. Blessed with ideal size and speed, he will likely see time as a freshman.
- 2 ▶ Marcus Kennard: WR, 6-4, 185
Texas Tech dipped into the junior college ranks and came up big with Kennard. He not only possesses size, but also the quickness to get down the field.
- 3 ▶ Kenny Williams: RB, 5-10, 178
Williams was one of the best backs in Texas in a loaded year at the position. He has good speed and the type of power to run through multiple tacklers.
- 4 ▶ Le'Raven Clark: OT, 6-6, 260
Clark was one of the more athletic tackle prospects in the 2011 class. The former defensive end and tight end needs time in the weight room to fill out his frame. He has the ideal arm length for an offensive tackle.
- 5 ▶ Leon Mackey: DE, 6-6, 275
The Red Raiders signed this junior college standout with hopes of filling a big need on the defensive front. He is blessed with very good feet and athleticism.

KANSAS STATE



WILDCATS

BIG 12

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 7 | Collin Klein (6-5, 226, Jr.) |
| FB | 37 | Braden Wilson (6-3, 244, Jr.) |
| RB | 4 | Bryce Brown (6-0, 200, So.) |
| LOT | 73 | Manase Foketi (6-5, 300, Sr.) |
| LOG | 79 | Keenan Taylor (6-4, 278, So.) |
| C | 66 | B.J. Finney (6-4, 297, Jr.) |
| ROG | 77 | Colten Freeze (6-4, 301, Sr.) |
| ROT | 75 | Clyde Aufnei (6-6, 301, Sr.) |
| TE | 80 | Travis Tannahill (6-3, 245, Jr.) |
| WR | 3 | Chris Harper (6-1, 225, Jr.) |
| WR | 5 | Brodrick Smith (6-1, 209, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| DE | 42 | Meshak Williams (6-2, 231, Jr.) |
| DT | 91 | Brandon Harold (6-5, 264, Jr.) |
| DT | 95 | Ray Kibble (6-4, 305, Sr.) |
| DE | 57 | Jordan Voelker (6-3, 240, Sr.) |
| SLB | 56 | Alex Hrebec (5-11, 240, Sr.) |
| MLB | 46 | Arthur Brown (6-1, 223, Jr.) |
| WLB | 50 | Tre Walker (6-3, 213, So.) |
| CB | 27 | David Garrett (5-8, 175, Sr.) |
| CB | 21 | Nigel Malone (5-10, 176, Jr.) |
| FS | 12 | Ty Zimmerman (6-1, 202, So.) |
| SS | 2 | Tysyn Hartman (6-3, 206, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|
| K | 10 | Anthony Cantele (5-10, 189, Jr.) |
| P | 10 | Anthony Cantele (5-10, 189, Jr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUTS

1 ▶ Ian Seau: DE, 6-3, 235

The nephew of former NFL great Junior Seau is the headliner in a blue-collar class for coach Bill Snyder and staff. Seau's strength at the point of attack gives him the opportunity to play as a true freshman.

2 ▶ Marquel Bryant: DE, 6-3, 219

Bryant comes to Kansas State from talent-rich Dallas Skyline High. The long-armed end was one of the more underrated players in Texas last year.

3 ▶ Daniel Sams: ATH, 6-2, 200

Sams, an ultra-athletic type, has hopes of playing quarterback for the Wildcats. Sams could play on either side of the ball, but safety seems to be his most likely landing spot.

4 ▶ Tyler Lockett: WR, 6-4, 160

Lockett, like Ian Seau, comes from a family of talented football players. His father, Kevin, and brother, Aaron, are two of the top receivers to ever wear a KSU uniform.

5 ▶ Jade Cathey: WR, 6-4, 190

Cathey joins Tyler Lockett to form a talented receiver duo for Kansas State in the 2011 class. He brings size to the receiver position, and can catch the ball in a crowd.



COLLIN
KLEIN



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Eastern Kentucky | |
| S.17 | Kent State | |
| S.24 | @MIAMI (Fla.) | |
| O.1 | Baylor | 42-47 |
| O.8 | Missouri | 28-38 |
| O.15 | @TEXAS TECH | |
| O.22 | @KANSAS | 59-7 |
| O.29 | Oklahoma | |
| N.5 | @OKLAHOMA STATE | 14-24 |
| N.12 | Texas A&M | |
| N.19 | @TEXAS | 39-14 |
| N.26 | Iowa State | 27-20 |

COACH

Bill Snyder

20th year (149-80-1)

Career record: 149-80-1

Offensive coordinators:

Dana Dimel (3rd year)

Del Miller (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Chris Cosh (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 7-6 BIG 12: 3-5

(lost to Syracuse in the Pinstripe Bowl, 36-34)

Stadium: Bill Snyder Family Stadium (50,000)

Tickets: 800-221-CATS

Site: Manhattan

Official athletic Web site:
www.kstatesports.com

Bill Snyder's second year of his second administration was one game better in the win column than his first but seemed light-years ahead.

In other words, it could have been worse than 7-6.

There was a bowl game, victories over Texas and UCLA and a throttling of rival Kansas in Lawrence. And this all happened without much of a passing game and, statistically, some of the worst defense in the nation. The Wildcats finished last in the Big 12 in rushing defense and 11th in total defense.

But getting the most from less-than-ideal conditions is what has made Snyder the coach he is. And in 2011, he should have a little more to work with.

Three quarterback candidates have similar dual-threat strengths. Collin Klein started twice last season (including Kansas State's walloping of Texas) and surpassed 100 rushing yards in two games. Klein's athleticism has impressed the coaching staff, and he started his college career as a wide receiver.

Justin Tuggle transferred from Blinn (Texas) College and is the son of former Falcons Pro Bowl linebacker Jessie Tuggle. Justin started his career at Boston College before transferring.

Sammuel Lamur, the twin brother of Wildcats safety Emmanuel Lamur, got snaps last year as a third-teamer.

According to Snyder, Klein took steps to improve his passing in the spring, Tuggle's work ethic was admirable and "Sam is right there. He's right in the mix."

Unfortunately for whoever takes snaps under center, Daniel Thomas won't be lined up behind or beside him. Thomas completed a remarkable two seasons in which he was an all-around star, whether it was by rushing, receiving or even throwing passes at times. Nobody in the Big 12 was a bigger part of its team's offense than Thomas.

But in Bryce Brown, Kansas State has a player who was once considered to be the nation's top prospect. Brown started his career at Tennessee, rushing for 460 yards as a freshman. But when Lane Kiffin left, so did Brown. And so did Brown's brother, Arthur, who played two years at linebacker for Miami.

The Brown brothers, who hail from Wichita, now return to their native state and should be impact players—and in that way follow the path of Chris Harper. He was another Wichitan who left the state—to Oregon to play quarterback—only to return. Harper is a returning receiver for the Wildcats and had four touchdowns among his 25 receptions last year.

On defense, there's intrigue at linebacker. Between the addition of Arthur Brown, a switch of Emmanuel Lamur from safety, the late-season emergence of Tre Walker and the consistent play of Alex Hrebec, there's plenty to like from this unit.

GAME-CHANGER

Bryce Brown, RB

In his first college game at Tennessee, Brown topped 100 yards against Western Kentucky. He also rushed for 60 yards against South Carolina and recorded 60 receiving yards at Florida. Now Brown gets to see how his talents measure up against Big 12 defenses.

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IOWA STATE

CYCLONES

BIG 12

The last thing Iowa State wanted to hear was the pop in Jake Knott's arm.

During a spring practice, Knott, a junior linebacker and tackling machine, went to make a shoestring tackle, landed wrong and heard a pop. The broken ulna required surgery but two days later, Knott was on the sidelines watching the Cyclones' spring game.

"I said, 'What are you doing here?'" Cyclones coach Paul Rhoads says. "He said, 'We have practice, don't we?' He's one tough nut."

Knott will be back in time for fall drills. One of the conference's top returning defensive players, he's a revved-engine sort of player, finishing second in the Big 12 in tackles last season with 130.

Knott and fellow linebacker A.J. Klein are critical components to a strategy intended to improve Iowa State's pass rush. Last season, the Cyclones recorded a paltry 11 sacks, which ranked 116th nationally. Iowa State wasn't much of a blitzing team in 2010, but that figures to change this season.

Iowa State is starting over at quarterback after losing Austen Arnaud, but the leader heading into fall, Jerome Tiller, has experience. He was the starter for the team's stunning upset at Nebraska two years ago and has two other starts to his credit.

Tiller is a dual-threat QB who needs more game experience, and the Cyclones brought in a junior college transfer to heat up the competition.

Steele Jantz threw for 3,075 yards and 23 touchdowns at City College of San Francisco last year, and his favorite target there, Aaron Horne, is also now wearing Cyclone colors.

In the spring game, that battery hooked up for a 50-yard scoring strike, and Horne caught a total of eight passes. That was a welcome development for a team that produced just five receiving touchdowns from its wideouts last season.

"Jerome has demonstrated that he can be a Big 12 starting quarterback," Rhoads says. "But if you're going to become a better football team, you have to have competition at every position."

Also back at receiver and perhaps looking at a breakout year is Darius Reynolds, whose career has been hampered by injuries.

There will be plenty of competition for carries among the

running backs now that productive Alexander Robinson has moved on. Rhoads says this could be the team's deepest position, as Shontrelle Johnson, a breakaway-type back who rushed for 102 yards against Texas Tech last season, leads the group.

The good news on defense is Leonard Johnson, one of the Big 12's top cover corners, is back to start for a fourth straight season.

GAME-CHANGER

Jake Knott, LB

Knott and fellow linebacker A.J. Klein are the heart and soul of Iowa State's defense. Knott was lightly recruited. Iowa wanted him for baseball, not football and former Cyclones coach Gene Chizik wanted Knott to walk on. But when Paul Rhoads was hired, he offered Knott a scholarship, and the payback came in the form of a terrific sophomore season.



PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 11 | Jerome Tiller (6-3, 200, Jr.) |
| RB | 25 | Shontrelle Johnson (5-9, 180, So.) |
| LOT | 72 | Kelechi Osemele (6-6, 354, Sr.) |
| LOG | 64 | Ethan Tuftee (6-4, 310, So.) |
| C | 74 | Tom Farniok (6-3, 270, Fr.) |
| ROG | 75 | Hayworth Hicks (6-3, 332, Sr.) |
| ROT | 79 | Brayden Burris (6-6, 276, Jr.) |
| TE | 86 | Kurt Hammerschmidt (6-6, 260, Jr.) |
| WR | 7 | Darius Reynolds (6-2, 206, Sr.) |
| WR | 19 | Josh Lenz (6-0, 196, Jr.) |
| WR | 6 | Darius Darks (6-1, 193, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------------------|
| LDE | 48 | Jacob Lattimer (6-3, 245, Sr.) |
| LDT | 94 | Jake McDonough (6-5, 289, Jr.) |
| RDT | 97 | Stephen Ruempolhamer (6-3, 288, Sr.) |
| RDE | 38 | Roosevelt Maggitt (6-1, 243, Jr.) |
| SLB | 47 | A.J. Klein (6-1, 244, Jr.) |
| MLB | 45 | Matt Tau'fo'u (5-11, 243, Sr.) |
| WLB | 20 | Jake Knott (6-2, 243, Jr.) |
| LCB | 5 | Jeremy Reeves (5-7, 165, Jr.) |
| RCB | 23 | Leonard Johnson (5-10, 196, Sr.) |
| FS | 10 | Jacques Washington (6-0, 209, So.) |
| SS | 22 | Ter'Ran Benton (6-0, 207, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------------|
| K | 21 | Grant Mahoney (6-0, 180, Sr.) |
| P | 13 | Kirby Van Der Kamp (6-4, 198, So.) |



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| S.3 | Northern Iowa | 27-0 |
| S.10 | Iowa | 7-35 |
| S.16 | @CONNECTICUT | |
| O.1 | Texas | 28-21 |
| O.8 | @BAYLOR | |
| O.15 | @MISSOURI | 0-14 |
| O.22 | Texas A&M | |
| O.29 | @TEXAS TECH | 52-38 |
| N.5 | Kansas | 28-16 |
| N.12 | @OKLAHOMA | 0-52 |
| N.18 | Oklahoma State | |
| N.26 | @KANSAS STATE | 20-27 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



► RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ► Steele Jantz: QB, 6-3, 210

Jantz was one of the top junior college QBs in the country. He can keep plays alive with his feet and make the occasional big run. He has quick feet and is adept at throwing the ball down the field.

2 ► Darian Cotton: CB, 6-0, 165

Cotton was a jack-of-all-trades type of player in high school, but will most likely land in the secondary with the Cyclones.

3 ► Jared Brackens: S/LB, 6-2, 200

Brackens was one of the more underrated prospects in Texas in the 2011 class. His frame will likely push him to outside linebacker at the next level.

4 ► Rob Standard: RB, 5-9, 175

Standard is a well-rounded back. His quick feet in the hole, balance and ability to jump-cut make him hard to tackle. He could be a feature back for the Cyclones.

5 ► Kenneth Lynn: CB, 5-11, 165

The Cyclones dipped into Texas for Lynn. The quick, darting prospect played receiver and corner for Kimball High, but projects as a DB at the next level.

COACH

Paul Rhoads

3rd year (12-13)

Career record: 12-13

Offensive coordinator:

Tom Herman (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Wally Burnham (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 5-7 BIG 12: 3-5

Stadium: Jack Trice Stadium

(55,000)

Tickets: 515-294-1816

Site: Ames

Official athletic Web site:

www.cyclones.com

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

BIG 12

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 2 | Jordan Webb (6-0, 210, So.) |
| RB | 29 | James Sims (6-0, 206, So.) |
| LOT | 74 | Jeff Spikes (6-6, 325, Jr.) |
| LOG | 69 | Trevor Marrongelli (6-2, 293, Jr.) |
| C | 77 | Jeremiah Hatch (6-3, 332, Sr.) |
| ROG | 67 | Duane Zlatnik (6-4, 326, Jr.) |
| ROT | 72 | Tanner Hawkinson (6-6, 293, Jr.) |
| TE | 86 | Tim Biere (6-4, 260, Sr.) |
| WR | 7 | Kale Pick (6-1, 208, Jr.) |
| WR | 83 | Chris Ormige (6-4, 194, So.) |
| WR | 15 | Daymond Patterson (5-9, 173, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 35 | Toben Opurum (6-1, 240, Jr.) |
| LDT | 92 | Patrick Dorsey (6-0, 273, Sr.) |
| RDT | 97 | Richard Johnson (6-3, 283, Sr.) |
| RDE | 96 | Keba Agostino (6-3, 252, So.) |
| SLB | 52 | Steven Johnson (6-1, 237, Sr.) |
| MLB | 39 | Darius Willis (6-3, 243, Jr.-So.) |
| WLB | 34 | Huldon Tharp (6-0, 217, So.) |
| LCB | 33 | Tyler Patron (5-11, 180, So.) |
| RCB | 5 | Greg Brown (5-11, 185, Jr.) |
| FS | 9 | Keeston Terry (6-2, 185, So.) |
| SS | 24 | Bradley McDougald (6-1, 195, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|
| K | 13 | Ron Doherty (5-11, 206, So.) |
| P | 19 | Victor McBride (6-2, 201, Fr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Anthony Pierson: RB, 5-11, 170

Pierson has it all—quickness, speed and playmaking ability. He is one of three talented runners in the 2011 class, and is a threat to score on nearly every touch.

2 ▶ Brock Berglund: QB, 6-3, 210

Berglund is the type of talent who can come in and compete for the job as a freshman. He's not a pocket passer, but he has good escapability and terrific pocket awareness.

3 ▶ Darrian Miller: RB, 5-9, 195

Miller is a terrific runner with very good feet in the hole, excellent vision, impressive leg drive and impressive lower-body strength. The first defender rarely brings Miller down.

4 ▶ Bryan Peters: OT, 6-5, 305

Peters was a key get for the Jayhawks in the 2011 class. He has good feet, natural strength and is a maximum-effort lineman. His feet never stop moving.

5 ▶ Dreamius Smith: RB, 6-0, 210

Smith, a bigger back than Anthony Pierson and Darrian Miller, could play running back, fullback or even H-back.



JAMES SIMS



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| S.3 | McNeese State | |
| S.10 | Northern Illinois | |
| S.17 | @GEORGIA TECH | 28-25 |
| O.1 | Texas Tech | |
| O.8 | @OKLAHOMA STATE | 14-48 |
| O.15 | Oklahoma | |
| O.22 | Kansas State | 7-59 |
| O.29 | @TEXAS | |
| N.5 | @IOWA STATE | 16-28 |
| N.12 | Baylor | 7-55 |
| N.19 | @TEXAS A&M | 10-45 |
| N.26 | Missouri* | 7-35 |

*at Kansas City

COACH

Turner Gill

2nd year (3-9)

Career record: 23-39

Offensive coordinators:

David Beaty (1st year)

Chuck Long (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Carl Torbush (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 3-9 BIG 12: 1-7

Stadium: Memorial Stadium

(50,071)

Tickets: 800-34-HAWKS

Site: Lawrence

Official athletic Web site:

www.kuathletics.com

JAYHAWKS

The Kansas free-fall was completed last season, or at least the Jayhawks hope so.

In 2008, a second straight bowl season was a program first. The next year, Kansas dropped to the bottom of the division and 2010 was a true return to the bad old days of noncompetitive football. Five of the seven conference losses were by 28 or more points.

The coaching transition explains much of it. Turner Gill took over and the team was greeted rudely in his debut, a 6-3 loss to FCS North Dakota State.

The Jayhawks rebounded with a victory over Georgia Tech but the season ended with a 3-9 record, including losses in seven of the last eight contests.

Given Gill's playing career as a fleet-footed option quarterback, it's little wonder he emphasized improving team speed from the final game last year through spring workouts.

"We've improved our team speed, which makes us more efficient," Gill says. "We need to get to places we haven't gotten to in the past, and I saw that in the spring."

Gill bemoaned the Jayhawks' lack of explosive plays on offense last year. Kansas had just one run longer than 28 yards, which was in the first game and came from receiver Daymond Patterson.

Also, the Jayhawks' longest reception last year went for only 43 yards. Teams typically can't succeed without big plays, and that's an across-the-board responsibility including the offensive line and skill positions.

With the former, there's some good news. Two linemen who were out for large amounts of time last year—Jeff Spikes missed the entire season with a torn Achilles and Trevor Marrongelli was sidelined the final eight games with a leg injury—are back and will fill the holes left by a pair of departing seniors.

The Jayhawks return 2010 rushing leader James Sims (742 yards), and the play of freshman Darrian Miller was the talk of spring camp. Miller has the kind of speed Kansas desires.

Patterson, who led Kansas last year with 60 receptions, is back, and the move of former quarterback Kale Pick to wideout is reminiscent of a similar position switch that worked well for the Jayhawks a few years ago when Kerry Meier made the move.

That leaves the players who battled it out at quarterback last year: Jordan Webb and Quinn Mecham. Webb started seven games, Mecham four. They combined for 11 touchdowns and 13 interceptions.

A newcomer who will impact the defense is linebacker Darius Willis, who started for Gill at Buffalo as a true freshman in 2009.

GAME-CHANGER

Darius Willis, LB

Willis was the highest-rated recruit in Buffalo's football history. He appeared in four games in 2009 and started two before a ruptured pectoral muscle caused him to miss the remainder of the year. Even though he didn't play last season due to NCAA transfer rules, Willis became one of the Jayhawks' vocal leaders and earned praise from coach Turner Gill for his play in the spring.



PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

STOCK REPORT UP DOWN STEADY
BOWL PROJECTIONS

East

- | | |
|----------|---|
| 1 | ▲ SOUTHERN MISS <i>Armed Forces Bowl</i> |
| 2 | ◀ ▲ UCF <i>Beef O'Brady's Bowl</i> |
| 3 | ▲ ▲ UAB <i>New Orleans Bowl</i> |
| 4 | ▲ MARSHALL |
| 5 | ▼ ▼ ECU |
| 6 | ◀ ▲ MEMPHIS |

West

- | | |
|----------|---|
| 1 | ▲ HOUSTON <i>Liberty Bowl</i> |
| 2 | ▲ ▲ SMU <i>Hawaii Bowl</i> |
| 3 | ◀ ▲ TULSA <i>Dallas Football Classic</i> |
| 4 | ▲ RICE |
| 5 | ◀ ▲ TULANE |
| 6 | ▼ ▼ UTEP |

TRENDING

1 C-USA returns some dynamic pieces in Tulsa quarterback G.J. Kinne, return specialist Damaris Johnson, Central Florida QB Jeff Godfrey and East Carolina QB Dominique Davis.



CASE KEENUM

Return of Keenum has Cougars on the prowl

By Eric Bailey *Tulsa World*

Conference USA's landscape—for the second consecutive season—hinged on a January press conference in Houston. Cougars quarterback Case Keenum bypassed the NFL draft in 2010 and chose to return to Houston for his senior season. That January announcement instantly made Houston a league contender.

A Week 3 injury prematurely ended Keenum's senior season in 2010. But three months later, the NCAA granted the Heisman Trophy hopeful a medical hardship and sixth year of eligibility.

"I really thought Case Keenum would be the MVP of the league last year," Rice coach David Bailiff says. "He is such a difference-maker for Houston."

Keenum, who is closing in on NCAA career records for total offense, passing yards and touchdowns, is just one storyline in what should be an interesting season.

Here are some others:

•Year of the quarterback: Keenum isn't the only signal-caller with lofty credentials. Tulsa's G.J. Kinne is the reigning C-USA Offensive Player of the Year. East Carolina's Dominique Davis was the league's Newcomer of the Year and UCF's Jeff Godfrey was Freshman of the Year in 2010.

And more QBs should emerge this season, including Southern Miss' Austin Davis, who needs only one touchdown to tie

Brett Favre's record for career touchdown passes, and SMU's Kyle Padron, who has led the Mustangs to back-to-back bowl games.

•BCS bowl-crasher: Since realignment, no league team has participated in a BCS bowl game, while the WAC and Mountain West have placed teams in college football's top games.

But to do that, one of the C-USA teams must be perfect.

"The only thing you can do to get into the BCS is go undefeated," says SMU coach June Jones, who guided Hawaii to the Sugar Bowl following the 2007 campaign.

•Defense wins championships: It is not unusual to look at a C-USA scoreboard and see the victors needing 40 or sometimes even 50 points to scratch out a win.

While the avalanche of points brings TV ratings and puts fans in the seats, there has been one blueprint to success during the past six years: defense.

The conference championship teams have always played good defense to ensure a Liberty Bowl trip. That will be the case this season as well.

"You have to be good at both sides of the ball if you want to win championships in this league," UAB coach Neil Callaway says.

3 C-USA is known for its offensive fire-power. Last year, five schools ranked in the top 31 nationally for total offense and points scored.

RATING THE C-USA

► FASTEST RECEIVER

Tyron Carrier, WR, Houston

This speedster has run a 4.29 40-yard dash. He can stretch a secondary and outrun kick-coverage teams.

► BEST HANDS

Lance Lewis, WR, East Carolina

The senior was on the receiving end of 89 passes in 2010, taking 14 of them to the house.

► BEST PASSING QB

Case Keenum, Houston

The sixth-year senior is barreling toward several NCAA passing marks, including total passing yards in a career.

► BEST RUNNING QB

Bryan Ellis, UAB

Ellis does a great job of combining a solid passing arm with his ability to tuck the ball and gain yardage.

► MOST ELUSIVE RB

Kendrick Hardy, Southern Miss

As a freshman, Hardy averaged a C-USA-best 6.5 yards per carry, including a 205-yard day against Houston.

► BEST INSTINCTS

G.J. Kinne, QB, Tulsa

The Golden Hurricane quarterback has a knack for understanding the distance to a down marker and isn't afraid to sprint for yardage if the pass isn't there.

► BEST ATHLETE

Damaris Johnson, WR, Tulsa

Johnson is potent whenever he has the football in his hands. He is already the NCAA's all-time leader in all-purpose yardage after just three seasons.

► BEST UNDER PRESSURE

Kyle Padrone, QB, SMU

The quarterback operating June Jones' run-and-shoot attack helped take the Mustangs to the C-USA title game last season.

► TOP NFL PROSPECT

Vinny Curry, DE, Marshall

The defensive end contemplated leaving for the NFL after his junior year, but decided to play one more season and earn his degree.

► TOP IMPACT FROSH

Travon Van, RB, Marshall

The one-time Florida commit will make his debut with the Herd. Van comes from the same high school that produced Reggie Bush.

► HARDEST HITTER

Trent Mackey, LB, Tulane

Mackey has a nose for the football and does not shy from contact. He was one of last year's leading tacklers nationally despite missing two and a half games.

► BIGGEST OVERACHIEVER

Kyle Padrone, QB, SMU

The Mustangs' quarterback has guided his team to back-to-back bowl appearances for the first time since 1983-84.

► BEST INTERVIEW

Mike Price, UTEP

Price isn't afraid to voice his opinion or talk about his team. He will fill a reporter's notebook or encourage his fan base.

► BEST COACH

June Jones, SMU

Jones guided Hawaii to a BCS bowl and has set the foundation for SMU to be a C-USA team to fear for years to come.

► BEST RECRUITER

Kevin Sumlin, Houston

Sumlin is in the heart of fertile recruiting ground in a large city, but could do his job well at any conference school.

► BEST ROAD TRIP

East Carolina

Greenville does football right from the moment the sun comes up. From Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" during the team entrance to the final gun, everyone has a blast.

ALL-CONFERENCE USA

OFFENSE

| | |
|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | Case Keenum, Sr., Houston |
| RB | Bryce Beall, Sr., Houston |
| RB | Zach Line, Jr., SMU |
| RB | Kendrick Hardy, So., Southern Miss |
| DL | Kelvin Beachum, Sr., SMU |
| DL | Matt McCants, Sr., UAB |
| DL | Chris Thompson, Sr., Houston |
| DL | Clint Anderson, Sr., Tulsa |
| DL | Tyler Holmes, Sr., Tulsa |
| WR | Patrick Edwards, Sr., Houston |
| WR | Damaris Johnson, Sr., Tulsa |

DEFENSE

| | |
|----|-----------------------------------|
| DL | Vinny Curry, Sr., Marshall |
| DL | Taylor Thompson, Sr., SMU |
| DL | Cordarro Law, Sr., Southern Miss |
| DL | Elliott Henigan, Sr., UAB |
| LB | Ja'Gared Davis, Jr., SMU |
| LB | Trent Mackey, Jr., Tulane |
| LB | Marcus McGraw, Sr., Houston |
| DB | Kemal Ishmael, Jr., UCF |
| DB | Marco Nelson, So., Tulsa |
| DB | Josh Robinson, Jr., UCF |
| DB | Emanuel Davis, Sr., East Carolina |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| K | Danny Hrapmann, Sr., Southern Miss |
| P | Kyle Martens, Sr., Rice |



RECRUITING ROUNDUP

by Brian McLaughlin, *Sporting News*

1 ► SMU Easily one of the top non-BCS classes this year, the Mustangs did well in Texas and also raided California for talent.

2 ► UCF The jewel of this year's class is Kentucky QB DeMarcus Smith, who signed at the very last second.

3 ► MARSHALL The Thundering Herd nabbed Jamar Lewter after the offensive lineman de-committed from North Carolina.

4 ► MEMPHIS With players like DB Bobby McCain, who had several BCS offers, the Tigers secured a solid group.

5 ► SOUTHERN MISS The Golden Eagles dipped into the junior colleges, and also got several prep stars such as OT Garrett Clark.

6 ► HOUSTON The Cougars signed another pro-style QB in Bram Kohlhausen, who could be running the show soon.

7 ► TULSA Offensive tackle Garrett Gladd had been on board with Stanford most of 2010, but switched to Tulsa shortly before Signing Day.

8 ► EAST CAROLINA Running back Chevelle Buie is an incredible talent who was once a Rutgers commitment.

9 ► RICE A pair of Cedar Hill (Texas) recruits—WR Lovett Gibson and QB Driphus Jackson—could be fun to watch one day.

10 ► TULANE Running back Dante' Butler had offers from all over the country, but decided to stay close to his New Orleans home.

11 ► UAB Some of the top talent in this year's class will come from the juco ranks.

12 ► UTEP Defensive end Roy Robertson had some early high-major options on the table, but signed with the Miners.

ASCENDING

MARSHALL

 The Thundering Herd won four of their final five games in 2010 and bring back nine starters from a defense that allowed only 19.2 points a game during that stretch.

DESCENDING

UTEP

 The Miners limped into the offseason last year, dropping six of their last seven contests. Now they must rebuild an offense that lost nine starters.

SOUTHERN MISS

C-USA EAST

GOLDEN EAGLES

Football season never takes a break in Hattiesburg. The community is fixated on Southern Mississippi and hungers for it each fall.

It is an atmosphere that Larry Fedora understood and accepted when he took the head-coaching job in 2008.

"Everybody is ready for football," Fedora says. "There is always the excitement and expectations that we are going to win the league. That is what I love about this place. There are always high expectations."

This season might bring some deserved optimism after Southern Miss finished with an 8-5 record in 2010 and lost its final four games by a combined 11 points.

The Golden Eagles will be a strong contender for an 18th consecutive winning season and win its first league championship since Conference USA realignment took place in 2005. It has a veteran quarterback, key offensive skill players and a defense that should be improved.

Everything begins with senior quarterback Austin Davis, who is two touchdown passes away from throwing for more scores than any player in Southern Miss history, including Brett Favre, who currently holds the record.

"It seems like he has been here forever and that is a good thing," Fedora says. "The game has slowed down for him and he has a complete understanding for what we are doing. He is a leader and raises the level of the players around him."

Running backs Kendrick Hardy and Desmond Johnson anchor the backfield, while senior Kelvin Bolden, who led the team in receiving yards last season, fortifies the receiving corps. He will try to replace playmaker DeAndre Brown, who declared for the NFL draft.

The defense will look for improvement under new defensive coordinator Dan Disch, who spent the past six seasons at Illinois. The Golden Eagles will switch from a 4-3 defense to a 4-2-5 formation.

"It is going to enable us to get more speed on the field and get us more into attack mode," Fedora says. "Dan will bring an aggressive style to the game."

Linebackers Jamie Collins and Korey Williams will anchor the team's defense. Cordarro Law, a senior defensive end,

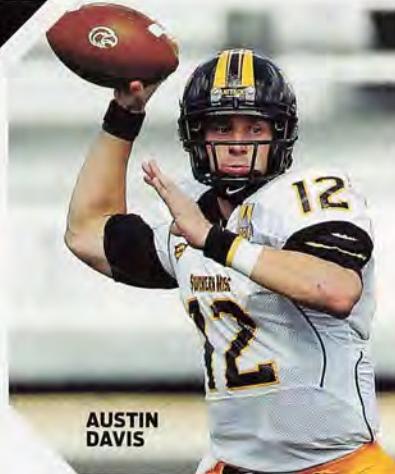
will try to wreak havoc in the opponent's backfield, while sophomore Deron Wilson, senior Marquese Wheaton and junior Martez Thompson will be stalwarts in the secondary.

The Golden Eagles' top weapon may be its kicker, senior Danny Hrapmann, who connected on 26 of 31 field goals last season.

GAME-CHANGER

Austin Davis, QB

Davis will be a wild-card candidate for the C-USA Player of the Year award. The quarterback is behind only Brett Favre as the school's all-time leader for touchdown passes thrown and has grown each season as a starter.



AUSTIN DAVIS



SCHEDULE

| | DATE OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------------|---------------|
| S.3 | Louisiana Tech | 13-12 |
| S.10 | @MARSHALL | 41-16 |
| S.17 | Southeastern Louisiana | |
| S.24 | @VIRGINIA | |
| O.1 | Rice | |
| O.8 | @NAVY | |
| O.22 | SMU | |
| O.29 | @UTEPE | |
| N.5 | @EAST CAROLINA | 43-44 |
| N.12 | UCF | 31-21 |
| N.17 | @UAB | 49-50 (OT) |
| N.26 | Memphis | 41-19 |

COACH

Larry Fedora

4th year (22-17)
Career record: 22-17

Offensive coordinator:

Blake Anderson (2nd year)

Defensive coordinators:

Dan Disch (1st year)

David Duggan (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 8-5 C-USA: 5-3

(lost to Louisville in the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl, 31-28)

Stadium: M.M. Roberts Stadium

(33,000)

Tickets: 800-844-TICK

Site: Hattiesburg

Official athletic Web site:
www.southernmiss.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 12 | Austin Davis (6-2, 200, Sr.) |
| FB | 36 | Bruce Johnson (5-9, 227, So.) |
| RB | 29 | Kendrick Hardy (6-0, 217, So.) |
| LOT | 51 | Darius Barnes (6-4, 315, Jr.) |
| LOG | 68 | Joe Duhon (6-2, 295, Jr.) |
| C | 75 | Thomas Edenfield (6-5, 293, Sr.) |
| ROG | 52 | Jason Weaver (6-4, 315, Sr.) |
| ROT | 72 | Lamar Holmes (6-6, 336, Sr.) |
| TE | 81 | Ryan Hanks (6-5, 231, Jr.) |
| WR | 85 | Quentin Pierce (5-11, 176, Jr.) |
| WR | 17 | Kelvin Bolden (6-0, 161, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 49 | Cordarro Law (6-2, 254, Sr.) |
| LDT | | Khalid Wilson (6-1, 300, Jr.) |
| RDT | 90 | Terrance Pope (6-3, 285, Sr.) |
| RDE | 91 | Dedrick Jones (6-3, 250, Sr.) |
| LB | 56 | Ronnie Thornton (6-3, 229, Sr.) |
| LB | 42 | Korey Williams (6-2, 243, Sr.) |
| ROV | 22 | Jamie Collins (6-3, 231, Jr.) |
| LCB | 29 | Marquese Wheaton (5-10, 177, Sr.) |
| RCB | 7 | Deron Wilson (5-10, 176, So.) |
| FS | | Martez Thompson (6-1, 200, Jr.) |
| SS | 26 | Kendrick Presley (6-2, 200, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|
| K | 34 | Danny Hrapmann (5-9, 160, Sr.) |
| P | 39 | Peter Boehme (5-11, 222, Jr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Keivondre Watford: WR, 6-4, 215

Watford is an absolute steal for Southern Miss. He has great size, natural athleticism and is very fluid.

2 ▶ Cortez Hartzog: DT, 6-5, 280

Hartzog boasts a college-ready body, and proved that he'll be a force at the next level with a strong showing in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic.

3 ▶ Michael Brinson: DE, 6-4, 260

Though he's athletic enough to play defensive end, Brinson could bulk up and become an athletic defensive tackle.

4 ▶ Chris Briggs: WR, 6-4, 175

Briggs was the top receiver on his Louisiana 4A state championship team. His size makes him an immediate mismatch.

5 ▶ Tray Becton-Martin: WR, 5-10, 170

Becton-Martin doesn't have great size, and his straight-line speed isn't elite. However, his feet are some of the best you'll find anywhere. He's also a great route-runner, and brings special teams value as well.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

22

C-USA EAST

KNIGHTS

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| QB | 2 | Jeff Godfrey (5-11, 182, So.) |
| RB | 28 | Latavius Murray (6-3, 225, Jr.) |
| FB | 13 | Dontravious Floyd (6-2, 232, So.) |
| LOT | 70 | Chris Martin (6-5, 294, So.) |
| LOG | 65 | Cliff McCray (6-2, 305, Sr.) |
| C | 73 | Jordan Rae (6-2, 272, Jr.) |
| ROG | 68 | Theo Goins (6-4, 316, Jr.) |
| ROT | 77 | Nick Pieschel (6-7, 306, Sr.) |
| TE | 88 | Adam Nissley (6-6, 267, Sr.) |
| WR | 14 | Quincy McDuffie (5-10, 175, Jr.) |
| WR | 3 | A.J. Guyton (5-11, 198, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 53 | Darius Nall (6-3, 246, Sr.) |
| LDT | 91 | Victor Gray (6-4, 256, So.) |
| RDT | 95 | E.J. Dunston (6-2, 302, So.) |
| RDE | 58 | Troy Davis (6-2, 256, Jr.) |
| SLB | 46 | Ray Shipman (6-5, 237, Jr.) |
| MLB | 50 | Josh Linam (6-3, 237, Sr.) |
| WLB | 27 | Jonathan Davis (5-9, 199, Jr.) |
| LCB | 20 | Josh Robinson (5-10, 192, Jr.) |
| RCB | 19 | A.J. Bouye (6-0, 179, Jr.) |
| FS | 18 | Kemal Ishmael (5-11, 211, Jr.) |
| SS | 26 | Clayton Geathers (6-3, 200, Fr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 16 | Nick Cattoi (6-5, 224, Sr.) |
| P | 6 | David Bohner (6-0, 179, Sr.) |

Sporting News All-American

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ DaMarcus Smith: QB, 6-1, 180

Hoping to follow in the footsteps of current UCF starter Jeff Godfrey, Smith is another athletic quarterback with a lot of ability as a passer. He was a late steal by the Knights, who swiped him away from the hometown Louisville Cardinals.

2 ▶ Leilon Willingham: LB, 6-2, 240

As one of the top linebackers in the West, Willingham is a great example of the expanding reach of the UCF brand.

3 ▶ Toby Jackson: DE, 6-5, 260

Jackson should be an early contributor at UCF, and turned in an MVP performance in the junior college national championship game.

4 ▶ Jared Henry: S, 6-0, 184

Hailing from the always talented Jacksonville (Fla.) First Coast program, Henry is an instinctual safety. He sees plays developing and gets to the ball in a hurry.

5 ▶ Miles Pace: LB, 6-1, 230

Pace heads to UCF from a Miami Central program that may have fielded the most talented team in the country last year.



SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT '10 RESULT

| | | |
|------|------------------------|-------|
| S.3 | Charleston Southern | |
| S.10 | Boston College | |
| S.17 | @FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL | |
| S.23 | @BYU | |
| O.8 | Marshall | 35-14 |
| O.15 | @SMU | 17-7 |
| O.22 | @UAB | 42-7 |
| O.29 | Memphis | 37-17 |
| N.3 | Tulsa | |
| N.12 | @SOUTHERN MISS | 21-31 |
| N.19 | @EAST CAROLINA | 49-35 |
| N.25 | UTEP | |

COACH

George O'Leary

6th year (45-44)

Career record: 97-77

Offensive coordinator:

Charlie Taaffe (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator:

John Skladany (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 11-3 C-USA: 7-1
(beat Georgia in the Liberty Bowl, 7-6)

Stadium: Bright House Networks

Stadium (45,323)

Tickets: 407-823-1000

Site: Orlando

Official athletic Web site: www.ucfathletics.com

Central Florida coach George O'Leary could not get an interview during Conference USA media day in 2005.

Realignment had introduced UCF to the league, but the Knights were coming off a 0-11 campaign. There was little reason to think O'Leary's program would be a power player in the 12-school conference.

Six years later, O'Leary has led UCF to three league title games and two C-USA championships.

"We have really felt like we could consistently make the conference championship game," says O'Leary, whose team won the 2010 league crown and finished No. 21 in the final Associated Press poll.

The Knights will be among the teams to watch this season, as they plan to use the same blueprint as always: Play solid defense and have a consistent offense.

The defensive unit, which ranked first in total defense and points allowed in C-USA last fall, returns only four starters, but that isn't cause for concern.

"We have had great defenses here and it will be no different next year," O'Leary says. "We have guys in the ranks that will fill in the blanks. We lost some starters, but we play so many on defense and roll a lot of guys on the defensive front."

Defensive backs Josh Robinson and Kemal Ishmael will provide a foundation. Robinson had two interceptions last year and often drew the assignment of covering the opponent's top receiving threat.

Quarterback Jeff Godfrey, the league's reigning Freshman of the Year, will direct the offense. Godfrey was potent throwing the football (2,159 yards) and running (566) last season.

"The thing about Jeff is that he grew poised in the pocket and also in reading coverages; he has really gotten better," O'Leary says.

Running back Latavius Murray returns after rushing for 419 of his 637 yards in the Knights' final four games. Brynn Harvey, the team's 2009 starter, will also see time.

"Brynn Harvey gives us depth at that position," O'Leary says. "That is a spot that is the key to us being productive as a team."

The Knights open the nonconference season with a home game against Charleston Southern. They will also play host to Boston College before road games at Florida International and BYU.



GAME-CHANGER

Quincy McDuffie, WR

McDuffie was a valuable weapon for the Knights in special teams last season. He ranked second in the nation, averaging 32.2 yards per kick return, and had two kickoff returns for touchdowns in 2010.

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UAB
BLAZERS

C-USA EAST



UAB coach Neil Callaway turned to an old coaching friend to help improve his defense.

Former Memphis and Clemson head coach Tommy West is the Blazers' new defensive coordinator, and he has been focusing on improving a unit searching for consistency.

"Tommy has done a lot for our defense," Callaway says. "He has instilled a lot of confidence and energy and the guys have bought into what he wants to do defensively."

If the defense can complement an offense that is expected to produce plenty of points and yards, the Blazers could advance to only their second bowl game in school history and first since the 2004 Hawaii Bowl.

Senior tackle Elliott Henigan and junior linebacker Marvin Burdette will anchor a defense that returns nine starters. Henigan had 15.5 tackles for loss last year, while Burdette was the team's leading tackler with 114 stops.

On offense, UAB will look to build on a successful 2010 campaign, when the program rolled up 5,074 yards of total offense. That was the second-highest total in school history.

Senior Bryan Ellis has established himself as the team's starting quarterback. Ellis battled injuries through his first three seasons, but left spring practices with a solid showing. In the spring game, he threw for 250 yards and two touchdowns in just one half of action.

"He went through some growing pains last year, but now has a good grasp of what we are doing," Callaway says. "He's a smart, heady guy and a good competitor."

His biggest weapon is running back Pat Shed. The senior finished third nationally in all-purpose yards at 177.1 yards per game last fall.

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|-------------|
| S.10 | @FLORIDA | |
| S.17 | Tulane | |
| S.24 | @EAST CAROLINA | 42-54 |
| O.1 | @TROY | 34-33 |
| O.8 | Mississippi State | 24-29 |
| O.15 | @TULSA | |
| O.22 | UCF | 7-42 |
| O.29 | @MARSHALL | 17-31 |
| N.5 | Houston | |
| N.12 | @MEMPHIS | 31-15 |
| N.17 | Southern Miss | 50-49 (2OT) |
| N.26 | @FLORIDA ATLANTIC | 31-32 |

COACHES

Coach: Neil Callaway, 5th year (15-33)
Career record: 15-33
Offensive coordinator: Kim Helton (5th year)
Defensive coordinator: Tommy West (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 4-8 C-USA: 3-5
Stadium: Legion Field (72,000)
Tickets: 205-975-UABI
Site: Birmingham, Ala.
Official athletic Web site: www.uabsports.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB 10 Bryan Ellis (6-2, 200, Sr.)
 RB 26 Pat Shed (5-9, 175, Sr.)
 LOT 71 Matt McCants (6-7, 295, Sr.)
 LOG 73 Caleb Thomas (6-3, 290, Jr.)
 C 75 Darion Smith (6-2, 280, Sr.)
 ROG 55 Terence Edge (6-2, 295, Sr.)
 ROT 74 Chris Hubbard (6-3, 270, Jr.)
 TE 45 Sam Accursio (6-1, 245, Jr.)
 WR 12 Nick Adams (6-2, 195, Sr.)
 WR 16 Patrick Hearn (6-2, 185, Jr.)
 WR 15 Jackie Williams (5-11, 185, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE 90 Chris Walton (6-3, 220, Fr.)
 LDT 95 Deric Scott (6-3, 275, So.)
 RDT 51 Elliott Henigan (6-4, 280, Sr.)
 RDE 77 Connor Boyett (6-5, 250, So.)
 SLB 43 Marvin Burdette (5-11, 235, Jr.)
 MLB 35 Lamanski Ware (6-2, 225, Sr.)
 WLB 46 Greg Irvin (5-11, 215, Jr.)
 LCB 2 T.J. Ballou (6-0, 200, Sr.)
 RCB 8 Marquis Coleman (6-1, 185, Sr.)
 FS 31 Chase Daniel (6-3, 200, Sr.)
 SS 5 Jamie Bender (5-11, 195, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K 37 Trey Ragland (5-11, 175, Sr.)
 P 37 Trey Ragland (5-11, 175, Sr.)

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MARSHALL
THUNDERING HERD

C-USA EAST



Marshall coach Doc Holliday hopes late-season success last fall springboards his football program to its second bowl game in three seasons.

The Thundering Herd captured four wins in their final five games in 2010, leaving the staff and players hungry for this football season.

"The confidence gained and the game experience over those last five games will help us in the long haul," Holliday says. "There's no question that it had better carry over, because we have tough challenges ahead of us."

Marshall was one of last year's youngest teams, as the Herd played 28 freshmen, which ranked second to Florida's 31 who saw action last season.

"The good news is they received playing experience," Holliday says. "The bad news is they were freshmen and any time you are playing that many freshmen, there could be issues."

The strength of this year's team may be the defense, which returns nine starters. Marshall had one of Conference USA's top four units last year and hopes senior end Vinny Curry can keep the unit rolling. The 6-5, 242-pounder led all defensive linemen nationally with 94 tackles last season and registered a dozen sacks.

Safeties Omar Brown and Donald Brown will lead the secondary.

Holliday enters fall camp with a quarterback battle between sophomores A.J. Graham and Eddie Sullivan.

"When we were winning games, we had Chad Pennington and Byron Leftwich (at quarterback)," Holliday says. "I'm looking for one of these two to become our leader."

Junior Aaron Dobson led all wideouts with 689 yards last year and had five TD catches.

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| S.4 | @WEST VIRGINIA | 21-24 (OT) |
| S.10 | Southern Miss | 16-41 |
| S.17 | @OHIO | 24-23 |
| S.24 | Virginia Tech | |
| O.1 | @LOUISVILLE | |
| O.8 | @UCF | 14-35 |
| O.15 | Rice | |
| O.22 | @HOUSTON | |
| O.29 | UAB | 31-17 |
| N.12 | @TULSA | |
| N.19 | @MEMPHIS | 28-13 |
| N.26 | East Carolina | 10-37 |

COACHES

Coach: Doc Holliday, 2nd year (5-7)

Career record: 5-7

Offensive coordinator:

Bill Legg (2nd year) and Tony Petersen (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Chris Rippon (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 5-7 C-USA: 4-4
Stadium: Joan C. Edwards Stadium (38,019)
Tickets: 800-THE-HERD
Site: Huntington, W. Va.
Official athletic Web site: www.herdzone.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB 1 A.J. Graham (6-4, 208, So.)
 RB 32 Tron Martinez (5-9, 186, So.)
 LOT 77 Jordan Jeffries (6-7, 304, So.)
 LOG 73 Ryan Tillman (6-5, 289, Sr.)
 C 70 Corey Tenney (6-7, 295, So.)
 ROG 63 Chris Bowers (6-2, 287, Jr.)
 ROT 75 C.J. Wood (6-5, 305, Sr.)
 TE 86 Jamie Hatten (6-5, 238, Jr.)
 WR 4 Troy Evans (5-9, 196, Sr.)
 WR 9 Antavious Wilson (6-0, 196, Jr.)
 WR 3 Aaron Dobson (6-3, 203, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE 99 Vinny Curry (6-5, 242, Sr.)
 LDT 98 Delvin Johnson (6-3, 300, Sr.)
 RDT 93 Brandon Bullock (6-3, 361, Sr.)
 RDE 92 James Rouse (6-5, 231, So.)
 SLB 25 Devin Arrington (6-2, 207, Jr.)
 MLB 35 Kellen Harris (6-3, 232, Sr.)
 WLB 47 Tyson Gale (6-3, 234, Jr.)
 LCB 5 Rashad Jackson (5-9, 170, Sr.)
 RCB 36 Monterius Lovett (5-10, 163, So.)
 FS 31 Omar Brown (5-11, 194, Sr.)
 SS 18 Donald Brown (6-0, 182, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K 37 Tyler Warner (6-4, 214, Sr.)
 P 41 Kase Whitehead (5-10, 183, Sr.)

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HOUSTON

COUGARS

C-USA WEST

Life without Case Keenum was not kind for the Houston Cougars in 2010.

The record-setting quarterback and Heisman Trophy hopeful was injured in the Cougars' third game at UCLA, and the Conference USA preseason favorite finished with a 5-7 record.

Houston heard great news last January when Keenum was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA. His return vaults the Cougars into the league-favorite spot.

"Case is a tremendous leader and has accomplished a lot of things at the University of Houston," coach Kevin Sumlin says. "We get back one of the better players in the country. You are happy for him, but it also brings confidence and enthusiasm back to the team."

Keenum, who has thrown for 13,586 yards, is closing in on former Hawaii quarterback Timmy Chang's NCAA record of 17,072 passing yards in a career.

The Houston quarterback will have some talented skill players at his side. Senior running back Bryce Beall has 32 career rushing touchdowns, including a dozen last season. Michael Hayes will return for his senior season and be an impact player.

The stars may be the wide receivers, as the Cougars have a potent one-two punch in seniors Patrick Edwards and Tyron Carrier. The pair combined for 1,580 receiving yards and 14 touchdowns last season with backup quarterback David Piland throwing the passes.

The defense, which ranked 103rd nationally in 2010, will need to improve for the Cougars to be championship material.

"We struggled in that area and we are looking to improve dramatically," Sumlin says of the defense. "We had a new system (3-4 base), and we struggled. Frankly, we were not physical enough."

Two senior linebackers will be the force of this team. Marcus McGraw has led Houston in tackles the past two seasons, while Sammy Brown had a league-best 20 tackles for loss in 2010.

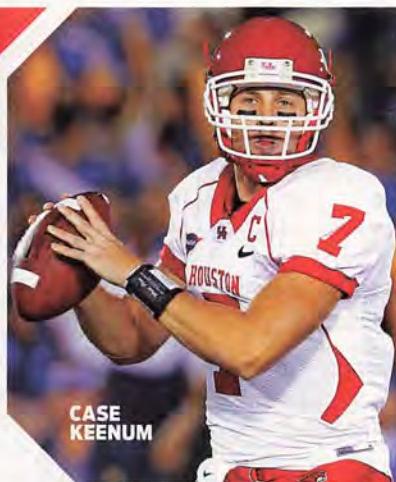
After not competing for a conference championship or advancing to a bowl game last year, the Cougars are ready for another run.

GAME-CHANGER

Case Keenum, QB

Keenum, who gained a sixth year of eligibility following a Week 3 injury last season, is on track to break NCAA career records for total offense, passing yards, touchdowns, pass attempts and completions. He is one of the league's top playmakers.

"We adjusted some of our things philosophically in recruiting," Sumlin says. "There were some issues that we hit last year. Our inability to outscore people and score points showed up. The margin of error was tighter and it took its toll on the defense."



CASE KEENUM

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| QB | 7 | Case Keenum (6-2, 210, Sr.) |
| RB | 25 | Bryce Beall (5-11, 215, Sr.) |
| LOT | 76 | Jacolby Ashworth (6-4, 300, Jr.) |
| LOG | 64 | Ty Cloud (6-4, 315, So.) |
| C | 70 | Chris Thompson (6-2, 285, Sr.) |
| ROG | 58 | Bryce Redmen (6-2, 283, Fr.) |
| ROT | 74 | Rowdy Harper (6-6, 285, Fr.) |
| WR | 88 | E.J. Smith (6-1, 187, Sr.) |
| WR | 3 | Justin Johnson (6-1, 223, Sr.) |
| WR | 35 | Tyron Carrier (5-8, 170, Sr.) |
| WR | 83 | Patrick Edwards (5-9, 175, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 95 | David Hunter (6-2, 295, Sr.) |
| NT | 56 | Tyrone Campbell (6-1, 293, Jr.) |
| RDE | 59 | Kelvin King (6-2, 256, Jr.) |
| OLB | 8 | Sammy Brown (6-3, 240, Sr.) |
| ILB | 55 | Marcus McGraw (6-0, 225, Sr.) |
| ILB | 50 | Efrem Oliphant (6-2, 215, So.) |
| OLB | 42 | Phillip Steward (6-2, 220, Jr.) |
| LCB | 12 | Chevy Bennett (6-1, 190, Jr.) |
| RCB | 2 | D.J. Hayden (6-0, 185, Jr.) |
| FS | 24 | Kent Brooks (5-11, 205, So.) |
| SS | 32 | Colton Valencia (5-10, 190, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|----------|-----------|------------------------------|
| K | 46 | Matt Hogan (6-1, 196, Jr.) |
| P | 15 | Richie Leone (6-3, 200, So.) |

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-----------------|------------|
| 5.3 | UCLA | 13-31 |
| 5.10 | @NORTH TEXAS | |
| 5.17 | @LOUISIANA TECH | |
| 5.24 | Georgia State | |
| 6.1 | @UTEP | 54-24 |
| 6.8 | East Carolina | |
| 6.22 | Marshall | |
| 6.29 | Rice | 31-34 |
| N.5 | @UAB | |
| N.12 | @TULANE | 42-23 |
| N.19 | SMU | 45-20 |
| N.26 | @TULSA | 25-28 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Lloyd Allen: DE, 6-4, 242

Coming out of the junior college ranks, Allen had a host of offers following his seven-sack effort in 2010. He eventually backed out of a Mississippi State commitment to pick Houston.

2 ▶ C.J. McElroy: WR, 5-9, 172

Though he projects as a wide receiver on the next level, McElroy piled up more than 1,500 yards on the ground as a prep senior.

3 ▶ Derrick Mathews: OLB, 6-0, 195

Though a bit undersized, Mathews is an athletic linebacker. He can be especially effective against wide-open passing offenses.

4 ▶ Kenneth Farrow: RB, 5-10, 200

An injury during his junior season slowed the recruitment of Farrow, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards in both his sophomore and senior seasons.

5 ▶ D.J. Hayden: CB, 6-0, 180

A juco recruit, Hayden chose Houston over a host of other high-caliber FBS programs. He has prototypical size at corner and could make an impact immediately.

COACH

Kevin Sumlin

4th year (23-16)

Career record: 23-16

Offensive coordinators:

Jason Phillips (4th year) and Kliff Kingsbury (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Brian Stewart (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 5-7 C-USA: 4-4

Stadium: John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium (32,500)

Tickets: 877-COUGLAR-5

Site: Houston

Official athletic Web site: www.uhcougars.com

SMU

MUSTANGS

C-USA WEST

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 2 | Kyle Padron (6-4, 233, Jr.) |
| RB | 48 | Zach Line (6-1, 230, Jr.) |
| LOT | 70 | Kelvin Beachum Jr. (6-3, 306, Sr.) |
| LOG | 64 | Bryce Tennison (6-3, 290, Sr.) |
| C | 63 | Blake McJunkin (6-2, 290, Sr.) |
| ROG | 71 | Kelly Turner (6-1, 301, Sr.) |
| ROT | 79 | J.T. Brooks (6-5, 330, Sr.) |
| WR | 81 | Keenan Holman (6-1, 188, So.) |
| WR | 88 | Bradley Haynes (6-3, 237, Sr.) |
| WR | 3 | Darius Johnson (5-10, 169, Jr.) |
| WR | 11 | Cole Beasley (5-9, 177, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 8 | Taylor Thompson (6-0, 287, Sr.) |
| NT | 9 | Marquis Frazier (6-3, 287, Sr.) |
| RDE | 92 | Margus Hunt (6-8, 295, Jr.) |
| OLB | 50 | Cameron Rogers (6-0, 230, Jr.) |
| ILB | 56 | Ja'Gared Davis (6-1, 220, Jr.) |
| ILB | 44 | Taylor Reed (5-11, 221, Jr.) |
| OLB | 55 | Aaron Davis (6-3, 242, Jr.) |
| LCB | 20 | Ryan Smith (5-11, 191, Jr.) |
| RCB | 16 | Richard Crawford (5-11, 191, Sr.) |
| FS | 25 | Justin Sorrell (5-10, 198, Sr.) |
| SS | 23 | Chris Banjo (5-10, 192, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|-----------------------------|
| K | 83 | Mike Loftus (6-1, 204, Fr.) |
| P | 31 | Matt Stone (6-1, 180, Jr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUTS

1 Davon Moreland: DE, 6-2, 230

A four-star prospect from Los Angeles, Moreland chose the Mustangs over USC, Oregon and UCLA. That says a lot about the level of SMU's recruiting under coach June Jones.

2 K.C. Nlemchi: RB, 6-1, 215

Nlemchi is a big tailback prospect from Katy (Texas) Cinco Ranch High who can provide a bruising presence between the tackles. He can also catch the ball out of the backfield and be a versatile threat.

3 Jonathan Yenga: OLB, 6-1, 195

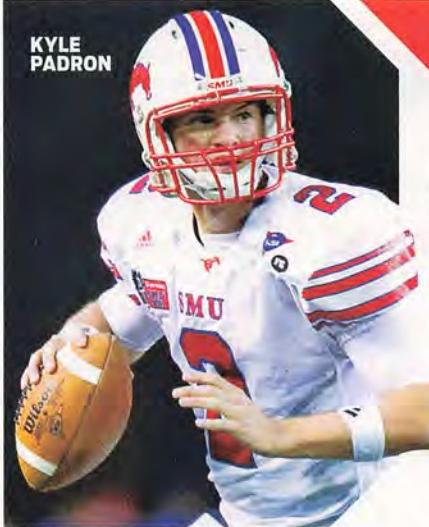
Hailing from Dallas Metroplex power Euless Trinity, Yenga is an athletic linebacker who can really run and excels in pass coverage.

4 Daren Kitchen: CB, 6-0, 220

The Houma, La., product is very long at cornerback. He's a redshirt candidate but, after he adds weight and strength, should develop into an impact corner.

5 Conner Preston: QB, 6-2, 220

A real sleeper QB out of Gardena (Calif.) Junipero Serra, Preston is a perfect candidate for June Jones' wide-open offense.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------|------------|
| S.4 | @TEXAS A&M | |
| S.10 | UTEP | 14-28 |
| S.17 | Northwestern State | |
| S.24 | @MEMPHIS | |
| S.30 | @TCU | 24-41 |
| O.15 | UCF | 7-17 |
| O.22 | @SOUTHERN MISS | |
| O.29 | @TULSA | 21-18 |
| N.5 | Tulane | 31-17 |
| N.12 | Navy | 21-28 |
| N.19 | @HOUSTON | 20-45 |
| N.26 | Rice | 42-31 |

COACH

June Jones

4th year (4th year)

Career record: 92-64

Offensive coordinator:

Dan Morrison (4th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Tom Mason (4th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 7-7 C-USA: 6-2

(lost to Army in the Armed Forces Bowl, 16-14)

Stadium: Gerald J. Ford Stadium (32,000)

Tickets: 214-SMU-GAME

Site: Dallas

Official athletic Web site: www.smumustangs.com

June Jones says his SMU football team is on the cusp of something special.

The veteran coach has guided the Mustangs to back-to-back bowl games, and even though their 7-7 overall mark in 2010 paled compared to 2009's 8-5 record, Jones promises his program was better.

"It just comes down to making big plays in big games," Jones says. "We can give ourselves chances and set goals to make that (Conference USA) championship game, but our next step is to win that game."

The Mustangs had a taste of championship fever last fall after capturing the C-USA West Division title, but fell 17-7 at UCF in the league's final contest. They also lost 16-14 to Army in the Armed Forces Bowl.

The goal is improvement, and that is what Jones has planned for the upcoming season.

"We are going to be a solid football team," Jones says. "We are starting to get that depth on the offensive line and defensive line."

Junior quarterback Kyle Padron will lead an offense that returns 10 starters. Padron set single-season school records with 3,828 passing yards and 31 touchdowns last year. As a team, SMU set at least seven offensive school records.

Another weapon to watch is running back Zach Line. The junior entered the Mustangs' program as a linebacker, but has become a big factor in the run-and-shoot offense. Line ran for 1,494 yards last season, the second most in SMU history behind Eric Dickerson.

Senior Cole Beasley (1,060 receiving yards) and junior Darius Johnson (845) had six touchdown receptions each last year and will be impact players at wide receiver.

While it is easy to become enamored with the SMU offense, the defense has improved quickly under Jones. In 2009, the team ranked 84th in total defense and 80th in scoring offense. Those rankings were lowered to 40th and 59th, respectively, last season.

"We have taken some giant steps and we are going to be better again because we have incoming kids that fit into what we are doing," Jones says. "I think, for the first time, our defense will be good enough to win games."

Players to watch on defense include senior strong safety Chris Banjo and junior linebacker Ja'Gared Davis.

The SMU schedule will be challenging, with nonconference games at Texas A&M and TCU, plus three C-USA road contests at Southern Miss, Tulsa and Houston.

GAME-CHANGER

Darius Johnson, WR

Johnson will likely emerge as the go-to receiver for the Mustangs this season. He has solid hands and great speed, as evidenced by his 152 yards on nine catches against Army in the Armed Forces Bowl last season.



TULSA

GOLDEN HURRICANE

C-USA WEST

New coach Bill Blankenship understands expectations are sky high at Tulsa.

The Golden Hurricane return 18 starters from a team that finished No. 24 in the *AP* poll and carries a seven-game winning streak into this fall.

Blankenship was promoted after spending the previous four years as a Tulsa assistant under Todd Graham, who left for the Pittsburgh job. The new Golden Hurricane coach will be greeted by a September nonconference schedule that includes games against college football heavyweights Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Boise State.

He will have a stocked team that includes quarterback G.J. Kinne. The senior is Conference USA's reigning Offensive Player of the Year and is joined by senior wide receiver and return man Damaris Johnson, who was the league's Special Teams Player of the Year.

Everything begins with Kinne, who orchestrates a no-huddle offense that Blankenship promises won't differ from Tulsa's recent attacks. The Golden Hurricane have been among the top five nationally in total offense for three of the past four years.

Johnson is a game-breaker who has led the nation in total offense the past two seasons. He enters his final year with 7,796 all-purpose yards, which is already an NCAA record.

The defense has been maligned during the past few years, as evidenced by its 111th-place finish in total defense in 2010. Brent Guy was hired as the new coordinator and immediately scrapped the 3-3-5 system that had been in place since 2003. He installed a four-man base scheme that was tested in the spring. Linebackers Cornelius Arnick, Shawn Jackson and DeAundre Brown make up the team's best unit.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| S.3 | @OKLAHOMA | |
| S.10 | @TULANE | 52-24 |
| S.17 | Oklahoma State | 28-65 |
| S.24 | @BOISE STATE | |
| O.1 | North Texas | |
| O.15 | UAB | |
| O.22 | @RICE | 64-27 |
| O.29 | SMU | 18-21 |
| N.3 | @UCF | |
| N.12 | Marshall | |
| N.19 | @UTEP | 31-28 |
| N.26 | Houston | 28-25 |

COACHES

Coach: Bill Blankenship, 1st year
Offensive coordinator: Greg Peterson (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Brent Guy (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 10-3 C-USA: 6-2
(beat Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl, 62-35)
Stadium: Skelly Field at H.A. Chapman Stadium (35,542)
Tickets: 918-613-GOTU
Site: Tulsa, Okla.
Official athletic Web site: www.tulsahurricane.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB 4 G.J. Kinne (6-2, 215, Sr.)
RB 22 Trey Watts (5-11, 201, So.)
LOT 70 Tyler Holmes (6-4, 305, Sr.)
LOG 72 Clint Anderson (6-2, 285, Sr.)
C 53 Trent Dupuy (6-2, 285, Jr.)
ROG 74 Stetson Burnett (6-4, 305, So.)
ROT 59 Joe King (6-6, 319, Jr.)
HDXK 34 Willie Carter (6-2, 218, Jr.)
WR 3 Damaris Johnson (5-8, 170, Sr.)
FL 12 Jordan James (6-2, 205, So.)
SE 7 Thomas Roberson (6-3, 186, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE 94 Tyrion Walker (6-3, 255, Sr.)
LDT 96 Darrell Zellars (6-2, 280, Sr.)
RDT 92 Derrick Jackson (6-2, 282, Jr.)
RDE 92 Cory Dorris (6-4, 275, Jr.)
WLB 55 Shawn Jackson (6-0, 230, So.)
MLB 32 Cornelius Arnick (6-1, 230, Sr.)
SLB 33 DeAundre Brown (5-11, 210, Jr.)
LCB 28 Lowell Rose (6-0, 186, Jr.)
RCB 21 John Flanders (5-10, 175, Sr.)
FS 20 Marco Nelson (6-0, 192, So.)
BAN 26 Dexter McCoil (6-4, 190, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K 47 Kevin Fitzpatrick (6-2, 190, Sr.)
P 28 Cole Way (6-8, 205, Fr.)



RICE

OWLS

C-USA WEST

Rice ended the 2010 season with consecutive victories, which went unnoticed on the college football radar.

Those home triumphs—sparked by the return of injured quarterback Taylor McHargue—have injected confidence into the program, which finished 4-8 last fall.

McHargue missed the middle eight games of his freshman season with a shoulder injury, but showed his value with the positive outcomes.

"Taylor can make plays with his arm, head and feet," Rice coach David Bailiff says. "He can escape when the pocket collapses and get you a first down on third-and-long."

McHargue will have to learn from his second offensive coordinator in as many seasons, as John Reagan replaces David Beaty, who left for a similar job at Kansas.

Reagan will have a few weapons, including junior running back Sam McGuffie, who rushed for 883 yards and added 384 receiving yards last year. The Michigan transfer will have four returning starters on the offensive line to run behind.

The biggest question mark for Rice is wide receiver, where someone needs to emerge to complement solid tight ends Luke Willson and Vance McDonald.

The defense was torched by the deep pass last year and needs quick improvement. Of 81 deep balls thrown on the Rice secondary, opponents connected 40 times in 2010.

Bailiff says he is depending on defensive backs Phillip Gaines, Chris Jammer and Kevin Gaddis to slow down opponents. He's also challenging his defensive front to have more of an attacking presence, since Rice was last in tackles for loss last year. Rice's top player may be punter Kyle Martens, who set a school record in 2010 (45.98 average).



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| S.3 | @TEXAS | 17-34 |
| S.10 | Purdue | |
| S.24 | @BAYLOR | 13-30 |
| O.1 | @SOUTHERN MISS | |
| O.8 | Memphis | |
| O.15 | @MARSHALL | |
| O.22 | Tulsa | 27-64 |
| O.29 | @HOUSTON | 34-31 |
| N.5 | UTEP | 24-44 |
| N.12 | @NORTHWESTERN | 13-30 |
| N.19 | Tulane | 49-54 |
| N.26 | @SMU | 31-42 |

COACHES

Coach: David Bailiff, 5th year (19-30)
Career record: 19-30
Offensive coordinator: John Reagan (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Chuck Driesbach (5th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 4-8 C-USA: 3-5
Stadium: Rice Stadium (70,000)
Tickets: 713-522-OWLS
Site: Houston
Official athletic Web site: www.riceowls.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB 16 Taylor McHargue (6-1, 215, So.)
RB 2 Sam McGuffie (6-0, 200, Jr.)
LOT 66 Jake Hicks (6-4, 290, Sr.)
LOG 72 Ian Gray (6-8, 340, Fr.)
C 52 Keshawn Carrington (6-3, 275, Sr.)
ROG 78 Eric Ball (6-4, 270, Jr.)
ROT 64 Tyler Parish (6-4, 300, Sr.)
TE 82 Luke Willson (6-5, 250, Jr.)
WR 84 Klein Kublak (6-1, 190, So.)
WR 4 Randy Kitchens (6-3, 210, Sr.)
WR 81 Donte Moore (6-0, 175, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE 97 Jared Williams (6-3, 250, Jr.)
LDT 55 John Goffre (6-0, 290, Sr.)
RDT 99 Michael Smith (6-1, 290, Sr.)
RDE 13 Scott Solomon (6-3, 280, Sr.)
SLB 49 Trey Briggs (6-1, 225, Jr.)
WLB 31 Justin Allen (5-11, 215, Sr.)
LCB 15 Phillip Gaines (6-1, 185, Jr.)
RBC 38 Chris Jammer (6-1, 185, Sr.)
KAT 20 Corey Frazier (6-1, 210, Jr.)
FS 35 Travis Bradshaw (6-1, 210, Sr.)
SS 24 Paul Porras (6-2, 190, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K 9 Chris Boswell (6-2, 200, So.)
P 41 Kyle Martens (6-6, 200, Sr.)

TULANE

GREEN WAVE



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Southeastern Louisiana | 27-21 |
| S.10 | Tulsa | 24-52 |
| S.17 | @UAB | |
| S.24 | @DUKE | |
| O.1 | @ARMY | 23-41 |
| O.8 | Syracuse | |
| O.15 | UTEP | 34-24 |
| O.22 | Memphis | |
| O.29 | @EAST CAROLINA | |
| N.5 | @SMU | 17-31 |
| N.12 | Houston | 23-42 |
| N.19 | @RICE | 54-49 |
| N.26 | @HAWAII | |

COACHES

Coach: Bob Toledo, 5th year (13-35)

Career record: 62-67 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

Dan Dodd (5th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Steve Stanard (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 4-8 CONF: 2-6

Stadium: Louisiana Superdome (69,703)

Tickets: 504-861-WAVE

Site: New Orleans

Official athletic Web site:

www.tulanegreenwave.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| QB 11 | Ryan Griffin (6-5, 215, Jr.) |
| RB 26 | Orleans Darkwa (5-11, 200, So.) |
| LOT 69 | Pat Husain (6-6, 298, So.) |
| LOG 71 | Harris Howard (6-4, 289, Sr.) |
| C 66 | Joey Ray (6-2, 304, Sr.) |
| ROG 26 | Emmanuel Aluko (6-3, 290, Sr.) |
| ROT 79 | Eric Jones (6-6, 302, Jr.) |
| TE 81 | Brock Sanders (6-3, 248, Jr.) |
| WR 9 | Wilson Van Hooser (5-11, 194, So.) |
| WR 3 | Ryan Grant (6-1, 192, Jr.) |
| WR 7 | Joe Kemp (6-4, 211, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | |
|--------|-------------------------------------|
| LDE 6 | Dezman Moses (6-3, 242, Sr.) |
| LOT 98 | Cedric Wilson (6-2, 288, Sr.) |
| RDT 99 | Chris Asumnu (6-2, 300, Sr.) |
| RDE 50 | Austen Jacks (6-3, 245, Jr.) |
| SLB 31 | Dominique Robertson (6-0, 190, So.) |
| MLB 20 | Trent Mackey (5-11, 200, Jr.) |
| WLB 34 | Darryl Farley (5-11, 228, Jr.) |
| LCB 1 | Jordan Sullen (5-11, 193, Jr.) |
| RCB 10 | Ryan Travis (5-11, 167, Jr.) |
| FS 4 | Shakiel Smith (6-1, 197, Jr.) |
| SS 15 | Taylor Echols (6-3, 197, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

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|------|-------------------------------------|
| K 19 | Cairo Santos (5-8, 156, So.) |
| P 16 | Jonathan Ginsburgh (5-11, 201, So.) |

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C-USA WEST

UTEP

MINERS

6

C-USA WEST



Tulane suffered growing pains in a disappointing 2010 season that saw the Green Wave finish 4-8.

But fifth-year coach Bob Toledo saw the bright side of things when talking about the upcoming year.

"Many of our players are now sophomores and juniors and starting to develop physically," says Toledo, the former UCLA boss. "This is the best group that we have had since we have been here."

Tulane quarterback Ryan Griffin has overcome off-season shoulder and foot surgery and is expected to be healthy. Griffin threw 14 touchdown passes last year, but also had eight interceptions.

"I expect him to take another step forward," Toledo says. "He understands so much more than in the past. He is bigger and stronger and is becoming more of a coach on the field."

Running back Orleans Darkwa will be a weapon after setting a freshman school mark last year with 925 rushing yards. However, the team will need to establish a receiving threat. Junior Ryan Grant is the first candidate.

The defense is led by junior linebacker Trent Mackey, who had a team-high 124 tackles last season.

"He is a heck of a football player and led the nation in tackles (for two weeks) last year," Toledo says. "He even missed two-and-a-half games with an injury. We'll ride that horse all day."

Defensive ends Dezman Moses and Austen Jacks are anchors on the line, while junior Jordan Sullen could raise eyebrows at cornerback.

Toledo says he will get a good barometer of the season after the first two games: a home opener against Southeastern Louisiana followed by Tulsa at the Superdome.

Coach Mike Price returns only two starters at UTEP this season, so he's not sure what to expect on game day.

"We are really not going to find out until it hits the fan," Price says with a slight laugh. "We have to get into our opponents and play with people in the stands. There is no substitute for experience."

After advancing to its first bowl game in five years, UTEP is in rebuilding mode.

"We have a lot of open slots and it is going to be real competitive," Price says. "Everywhere there is not an open spot, everyone seems to be trying a little harder."

Competition will be heated to replace four-year starting quarterback Trevor Vittatoe. Candidates include senior Tate Smith (a transfer from New Mexico), sophomore Carson Meger, redshirt freshman Javia Hall and talented junior college transfer Nick Lamaison.

The only offensive starters returning are running back Joe Banyard and wide receiver Donavon Kemp.

At least Price can be excited about the defense, which welcomes back nine starters and second-year coordinator Andre Patterson. Cornerback Antwon Blake, free safety DeShawn Grayson and end James Davidson are the leaders there.

Any improvement on defense will be a plus for the Miners, who gave up 50-plus points on three occasions last season.

Early confidence is needed for UTEP, which lost six of their final seven games last year, including a 52-24 setback to BYU in the New Mexico Bowl.

The Miners open with Stony Brook, an FCS program, before beginning Conference USA play at defending West Division champion SMU.

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Stony Brook | 28-14 |
| S.10 | @SMU | 42-10 |
| S.17 | @NEW MEXICO STATE | 24-54 |
| S.24 | @SOUTH FLORIDA | 24-34 |
| S.29 | Houston | 44-24 |
| O.15 | @TULANE | 28-31 |
| O.22 | Colorado State | |
| O.29 | Southern Miss | |
| N.5 | @RICE | |
| N.12 | East Carolina | |
| N.19 | Tulsa | |
| N.25 | @UCF | |

COACHES

Coach: Mike Price, 8th year (40-45)

Career record: 169-167

Offensive coordinator:

Bob Connolly (4th year) and Aaron Price (4th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Andre Patterson (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 6-7 C-USA: 3-5

(lost to BYU in the New Mexico Bowl, 52-24)

Stadium: Sun Bowl (51,500)

Tickets: 915-747-6150

Site: El Paso, Texas

Official athletic Web site:

www.utepathletics.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | |
|--------|-----------------------------------|
| QB 14 | Tate Smith (6-1, 220, Sr.) |
| RB 21 | Joe Banyard (5-11, 205, Sr.) |
| LOT 66 | Wayne Frazier (6-4, 300, So.) |
| LOG 77 | Paul Santillan (6-4, 305, Jr.) |
| C 63 | Eloy Atkinson (6-3, 300, Jr.) |
| ROE 60 | Nathan McCage (6-4, 290, Sr.) |
| ROT 58 | Brander Craighead (6-6, 300, So.) |
| TE 18 | Katrina Ford (6-4, 240, So.) |
| WR 80 | Julio Lopez (5-11, 175, Sr.) |
| WR 17 | Russell Carr (6-2, 200, Sr.) |
| WR 84 | Donavon Kemp (6-1, 195, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| LDE 18 | James Davidson (6-3, 230, So.) |
| LD 61 | Germann Reed (6-0, 280, So.) |
| RDT 99 | Marcus Bagley (6-1, 330, So.) |
| RDE 46 | Bernard Obi (6-2, 255, Sr.) |
| SLB 4 | Jamie Irving (6-0, 235, Sr.) |
| MLB 1 | Isaiah Carter (6-2, 220, Sr.) |
| WLB 6 | Royzell Smith (6-1, 230, Sr.) |
| LCB 9 | Antwon Blake (5-10, 195, Sr.) |
| RCB 5 | Travaun Nixon (6-0, 195, Sr.) |
| FS 2 | DeShawn Grayson (6-0, 205, Jr.) |
| SS 13 | Adrian James (5-11, 170, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| K 8 | Dakota Warren (5-10, 190, Jr.) |
| P 7 | Ian Campbell (5-11, 170, Jr.) |

C-USA



PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

STOCK REPORT UP DOWN STEADY
BOWL PROJECTIONS

- 1** BOISE STATE
Orange Bowl
- 2** TCU
Las Vegas Bowl
- 3** SAN DIEGO STATE
Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl
- 4** AIR FORCE
Poinsettia Bowl
- 5** COLORADO STATE
Independence Bowl
- 6** WYOMING
New Mexico Bowl
- 7** NEW MEXICO
- 8** UNLV

TRENDING

1 For three years in a row, TCU has had the league's Defensive Player of the Year. In 2010, linebacker Tank Carder won it after Jerry Hughes was honored in '09.

2 Over the last 10 years, Boise State has led the nation in scoring offense, averaging 41.9 points a game. The Broncos join the MWC this season and should score in bunches.

3 Since taking over as coach at Air Force in 2007, Troy Calhoun has posted a .654 winning percentage (34-18) and has taken the Falcons to four straight bowl games.



For one year only, look for MWC to host Boise-TCU battle that should be a doozie

By Steve Carp Las Vegas Review-Journal

When the winds of change swept through college football last year, the Mountain West was not immune.

The MWC underwent an extreme makeover when BYU opted to leave to play as an independent and Utah decided to bolt for the expanded Pac-12 for 2011. Also, TCU is getting set to join the Big East in 2012.

In response, the Mountain West added Boise State for the upcoming season, with Nevada, Hawaii and Fresno State coming on board in 2012. The nice thing is that TCU and Boise State will get to go head-to-head during the regular season, as their Nov. 12 meeting in Boise will likely garner a lot of attention. Both schools expect to battle each other for the top spot in the MWC while also chasing a coveted BCS bowl berth.

And while it will be strange not seeing BYU and Utah week after week, the revival of San Diego State's program will generate some interest in the league. Brady Hoke, the MWC's 2010 Coach of the Year, left for Michigan. Replacing him is a familiar face in former New Mexico head coach Rocky Long, who served as Hoke's defensive coordinator with the Aztecs last year. Long is motivated to return to the sidelines as a head coach. Lucky for him, experienced

quarterback Ryan Lindley returns to become one of the league's best overall signal-callers. Currently, Long is one of the MWC's best passers and runners. He'll guide a stout SDSU offense.

Air Force, which likes to run the ball, has senior quarterback Tim Jefferson overseeing the Falcons' option offense. Air Force averaged 30.8 points a game last year and hopes to do so again in 2011.

With BYU and Utah gone, there's an opportunity for someone else to get into the postseason picture. Wyoming and Colorado State struggled with injuries and inconsistency last season. And though neither played in the postseason, it wouldn't take much to put either team into bowl consideration.

Bobby Hauck's first year as coach at UNLV was a tough one, as the Rebels struggled through a brutal schedule to finish 2-11. But Hauck's team survived spring practices without any major injuries and have good skill-position players on both sides of the ball. If things come together, UNLV could see itself at a minor bowl this winter.

New Mexico hopes to improve its situation this season after going 1-11 under coach Mike Locksley. With multiple off-field issues cleared up, things can only get better in Albuquerque.

RATING THE MOUNTAIN WEST► **FASTEST RECEIVER****Josh Boyce**, TCU

Can stretch opposing defenses and run by people.

► **BEST HANDS****Phillip Payne**, WR, UNLV

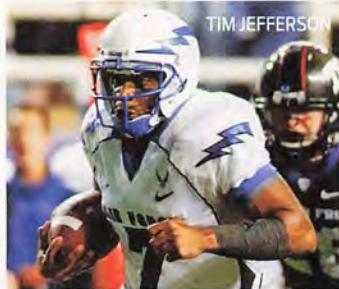
Throw it near him and he'll find a way to grab it.

► **BEST PASSING QB****Kellen Moore**, Boise State

He's thrown for more than 3,500 yards three years running.

► **BEST RUNNING QB****Tim Jefferson**, Air Force

In that system, you better be able to tuck it and run.

► **MOST ELUSIVE RB****Doug Martin**, Boise State

There's a reason he averages 6.3 yards per carry. He's fast and strong as well as elusive.

► **BEST INSTINCTS****Tank Carder**, LB, TCU

Has a knack for always being around the ball and finishing.

► **BEST ATHLETE****Greg McCoy**, CB/RS, TCU

He plays corner, returns kicks, hits hard, can run with anyone and is durable.

► **BEST UNDER PRESSURE****Pete Thomas**, QB, Colorado State

Had only 13 interceptions in 391 attempts as a freshman.

► **TOP NFL PROSPECT****Ryan Lindley**, QB, San Diego State

He's got the size, arm strength and skills to dominate at the next level.

► **TOP IMPACT FROSH****LaDarius Brown**, WR, TCU

A top-50 national recruit, he will get plenty of chances to receive and return kicks.

► **HARDEST HITTER****Miles Burris**, LB, San Diego State

He led the MWC in tackles and sacks last year.

► **BIGGEST OVERACHIEVER****Asher Clark**, RB, Air Force

Is only 5-8 but ran for 1,031 yards and scored five touchdowns.

► **BEST INTERVIEW****Bobby Hauck**, UNLV

Always tells it like it is, good or bad.

► **BEST COACH****Chris Petersen**, Boise State

He wins without a big budget and great facilities.

► **BEST RECRUITER****Gary Patterson**, TCU

Is able to go head-to-head against the other Texas schools.

► **BEST ROAD TRIP****San Diego State**

The weather. The beach. The restaurants. It's the MWC's finest road trip.

ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST**OFFENSE****QB Kellen Moore**, Sr., Boise State**RB Ed Wesley**, Jr., TCU**RB Ronnie Hillman**, So., San Diego State**RB Doug Martin**, Sr., Boise State**OL Nate Potter**, Sr., Boise State**OL Nick Carlson**, Jr., Wyoming**OL Thomas Byrd**, Sr., Boise State**OL Paul Madsen**, Sr., Colorado State**OL A.J. Wallerstein**, Sr., Air Force**WR Phillip Payne**, Sr., UNLV**WR Josh Boyce**, So., TCU**DEFENSE****DL Josh Biezsuns**, Sr., Wyoming**DL D.J. Yendrey**, Jr., TCU**DL Stansly Maponga**, So., TCU**DL Billy Winn**, Sr., Boise State**LB Tank Carder**, Sr., TCU**LB Miles Burris**, Sr., San Diego State**LB Tanner Brock**, Jr., TCU**DB Leon McFadden**, Jr., San Diego State**DB Bubba Forrest**, Sr., New Mexico**DB George Iloka**, Sr., Boise State**DB Will Chandler**, Sr., UNLV**SPECIALISTS****P Pete Kontodikos**, Jr., Colorado State**K Abelardo Perez**, Sr., San Diego State**RECRUITING ROUNDUP**by Brian McLaughlin, *Sporting News*1 ► **TCU**

The Horned Frogs had the top non-BCS class in the country, and the move to the Big East next year probably helped.

2 ► **BOISE STATE**

Talent like RB Jay Ajayi and LB Blake Renaud will help the Broncos win big during this decade as well.

3 ► **SAN DIEGO STATE**

A great 2010 season helped the Aztecs bring in high-quality rushers such as Brandon Wright and Sam Atoe.

4 ► **COLORADO STATE**

Isiah Norton is a defensive tackle who was loaded with early BCS offers, but he chose to play for Colorado State.

5 ► **WYOMING**

The Cowboys brought in another talented dual-threat QB in Adam Pittser.

6 ► **UNLV**

Junior college products helped boost the UNLV ranks to 23 signees, with OT Patrick Carroll likely being the best of the group.

7 ► **NEW MEXICO**

It was a small group for the Lobos, who managed to sign just 17 players.

8 ► **AIR FORCE**

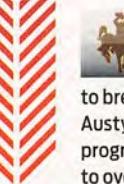
Being an academy, it's tough to rank the Falcons' recruiting class this early, as AFA doesn't release information on incoming freshmen. You can bet the end product will likely be good, however.



LADARIUS BROWN, TCU

ASCENDING**SAN DIEGO STATE**

 Brady Hoke did a great job rebuilding a down-trodden program, and the transition to Rocky Long should be seamless. Plus, quarterback Ryan Lindley is the real deal.

DESCENDING**WYOMING**

 The Cowboys have a tough schedule and need to break in a new quarterback after Austyn Carta-Samuels left the program. That might be too much to overcome.



RYAN LINDLEY

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MOUNTAIN WEST



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|---------------|
| S.3 | Georgia* | |
| S.17 | @TOLEDO | 57-14 |
| S.24 | Tulsa | |
| O.1 | Nevada | 31-34 (OT) |
| O.7 | @FRESNO STATE | 51-0 |
| O.15 | @COLORADO STATE | |
| O.22 | Air Force | |
| N.5 | @UNLV | |
| N.12 | TCU | |
| N.19 | @SAN DIEGO STATE | |
| N.26 | Wyoming | 51-6 |
| D.3 | New Mexico | |

* at Atlanta

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Chris Petersen

6th year (61-5)

Career record: 61-5

Offensive coordinator:

Brent Pease (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Pete Kwiatkowski (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 12-1 WAC: 7-1

(beat Utah in the MAACO Bowl, 26-3)

Stadium: Bronco Stadium (32,000)**Tickets:** 208-426-4737**Site:** Boise, Idaho**Official athletic Web site:**

www.broncosports.com

BOISE STATE



BRONCOS



KELLEN MOORE

The Broncos aren't likely to have any problem moving from the Western Athletic Conference to the Mountain West thanks to the return of All-America quarterback Kellen Moore. The senior has thrown for 10,867 yards in his three seasons at Boise State and will be one of the leading candidates for this year's Heisman Trophy after being a finalist in 2010.

And while Moore has racked up some yardage over the years, his most stunning statistic is that he's thrown just 19 interceptions in 1,219 passing attempts.

But Moore will be the first to say it's not about him, as coach Chris Petersen has surrounded his talented QB with excellent skill players and a big, tough offensive line.

It starts with running back Doug Martin, who

would be garnering a lot more national recognition if he weren't Moore's teammate. The 5-9 senior is explosive and averaged 6.3 yards per carry and scored 12 touchdowns last year. Look for him to be even more involved this season as Moore breaks in a couple of new wide receivers. Junior Tyler Jackson and redshirt freshmen Alexander Miles and Anthony Clarke are on hand to replace the departed Titus Young and Austin Pettis. Whoever wins out will sidle up next to Tyler Shoemaker. Shoemaker, the third receiver from last year's stellar group, had 32 catches and scored five touchdowns in 2010.

Tight end Kyle Efaw is also back after scoring five touchdowns last year. He is a reliable target in the event Moore's receivers are unable to get open. But that's a rare occurrence, as the

offensive line blocks so well that receivers have plenty of time to finish or adjust their routes.

The left side of the offensive line, as well as all-conference center Thomas Byrd, returns intact to protect Moore. Tackle Nate Potter and guard Joe Kellogg are quick and agile despite being nearly 300 pounds. They will likely be joined by guards Spencer Gerke and Matt Paradis and tackles Zach Waller and Greg Dohmen. Junior college transfer Chris Tozer could also work his way into the mix.

The Broncos were second in the nation in total defense last year, as teams managed just 254.7 yards per game against them. End Shea McClellin, who had 9.5 sacks and 13.5 tackles for loss last season, leads a unit that returns eight starters. The 6-3 senior is surrounded by solid players in tackles Billy Winn and Chase Baker. They can get pressure on the quarterback while playing the run well.

Boise State returns starting linebackers Byron Hout, J.C. Percy and Aaron Tevis. Percy is the team's leading returning tackler with 65 total stops, while Hout, a converted defensive end, and Tevis combined for 80.

The secondary is also strong with George Iloka back after a stellar junior year at safety. He had 63 tackles, two interceptions and broke up five passes. He's also proving to be durable, having started 27 consecutive games.

Junior cornerback Jamar Taylor had two sacks and forced three fumbles last year. He is not afraid to go one-on-one with a receiver despite being just 5-11.

Competition for the two vacant spots in the secondary includes sophomore Dane Turner, senior Travis Stanaway, redshirt freshmen Jeremy Ioane and Bryan Douglas and incoming freshmen Eric Agbarojo, Lee Hightower and Darian Thompson.

One area of concern for Petersen is special teams, as the much-maligned Kyle Brotzman has graduated. Boise State needs to find a punter and a kicker. Senior Brad Elkin will be trying to win the punter's job with pressure coming from newcomers Michael Frisnia, a juco transfer from California, and Jacob Hauer.

The kicker's job could go to junior Jimmy Pavel, though Trevor Harman, Dan Goodale and Jake Van Ginkel are on his heels. With six kickers listed on Boise State's spring football roster, the kicking battle looks to be wide open. But Petersen always finds someone solid to handle those chores.

Coming off a 12-1 season and a MAACO Bowl victory, the Broncos are poised to pick up where they left off, even with a new home in the Mountain West. If they can get by Georgia in their Sept. 3 season opener and beat TCU at home Nov. 12, Petersen could be looking at a return to the BCS bowl scene.

RECRUITING REPORT

Boise State coach Chris Petersen and his staff put together a class led by a talented trio of defensive linemen. Tackle Jeff Worthy is a 6-4, 275-pound run-stuffer out of La Habra, Calif. Ends Robert Ash (Elk Grove, Calif.) and Samuel Ukwuachu (Pearland, Texas) bring versatility to the Broncos program. The 6-5, 205-pound Ukwuachu put together a terrific senior season at end and receiver. He was one of the most undervalued

prospects in the Lone Star State. Another Texan, running back Jay Ajayi from Liberty High in Frisco, rushed for more than 2,000 yards as a senior.

Quarterback Jimmy Laugrea (Rocklin, Calif.) looks to be next in line as an underrated but talented QB for the Broncos. Boise State headed north of the border to sign a big Canadian safety in Taylor Loeffler (6-4, 200).

Gerry Hamilton, 247Sports



GAME-CHANGER

Doug Martin, RB

Whenever Martin touches the ball, something exciting happens. The 5-9 senior running back is a threat to score from anywhere on the field because of his great acceleration. He's also the perfect complement to quarterback Kellen Moore.

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

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| QB | 11 | Kellen Moore (6-0, 191, Sr.) |
| | 15 | Joe Southwick (6-1, 197, So.) |
| FB | 47 | Dan Paul (6-0, 250, Sr.) |
| | 26 | Matt Kaiser (6-0, 200, Jr.) |
| RB | 22 | Doug Martin (5-9, 215, Sr.) |
| | 6 | D.J. Harper (5-9, 210, Sr.) |
| LOT | 73 | Nate Potter (6-6, 300, Sr.) |
| | 62 | Chris Tozer (6-3, 305, Jr.) |
| LOG | 61 | Joe Kellogg (6-2, 299, Jr.) |
| | 70 | Zach Waller (6-5, 296, Sr.) |
| C | 66 | Thomas Byrd (5-11, 288, Sr.) |
| | 54 | Michael Arnes (6-4, 291, Jr.) |
| ROG | 77 | Spencer Gerke (6-3, 290, So.) |
| | 65 | Matt Paradis (6-1, 286, So.) |
| ROT | 71 | Greg Dohmen (6-2, 270, Fr.) |
| | 64 | Brenel Myers (6-2, 277, Jr.) |
| TE | 80 | Kyle Efaw (6-4, 242, Sr.) |
| | 87 | Gabe Linehan (6-3, 232, So.) |
| WR | 29 | Tyler Jackson (6-0, 193, Jr.) |
| | 81 | Anthony Clarke (5-8, 180, Fr.) |
| WR | 89 | Tyler Shoemaker (6-1, 213, Sr.) |
| | 84 | Alexander Miles (5-9, 168, Fr.) |

DEFENSE

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|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 40 | Tyrone Crawford (6-4, 276, Sr.) |
| | 96 | Jarrell Root (6-3, 268, Sr.) |
| LDT | 90 | Billy Winn (6-4, 295, Sr.) |
| | 43 | Ricky Tjong-A-Tjoe (6-3, 307, So.) |
| RDT | 97 | Chase Baker (6-1, 296, Sr.) |
| | 95 | Darren Koontz (6-3, 281, Jr.) |
| RDE | 92 | Shea McClellin (6-3, 258, Sr.) |
| | 41 | Kharyee Marshall (6-1, 216, So.) |
| SLB | 48 | J.C. Percy (6-0, 222, Jr.) |
| | 25 | Hunter White (5-11, 106, Sr.) |
| MLB | 94 | Byron Hout (6-0, 240, Sr.) |
| | 33 | Tommy Smith (6-1, 227, Jr.) |
| WLB | 36 | Aaron Tevis (6-3, 232, Sr.) |
| | 42 | Matt Wilson (6-1, 228, Sr.) |
| LCB | 21 | Jamar Taylor (5-11, 194, Jr.) |
| | 46 | Bryan Douglas (5-9, 162, Fr.) |
| RCB | 34 | Dane Turner (5-10, 179, So.) |
| | 31 | Antwon Murray (5-11, 176, Sr.) |
| FS | 30 | Travis Stanaway (5-11, 203, Sr.) |
| | 16 | Cedric Febis (6-3, 202, Sr.) |
| SS | 8 | George Iloka (6-3, 216, Sr.) |
| | 10 | Jeremy Ioane (5-11, 197, Fr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 84 | Jimmy Pavel (5-11, 218, Jr.) |
| P | 49 | Brad Elkin (6-2, 194, Sr.) |

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2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | BSU | OPP |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| SCORING | 586 | 166 |
| Points Per Game | 45.1 | 12.8 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 326 | 192 |
| Rushing | 125 | 84 |
| Passing | 179 | 92 |
| Penalty | 22 | 16 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2603 | 1349 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2798 | 1869 |
| Yards lost rushing | 195 | 520 |
| Rushing Attempts | 486 | 461 |
| Average Per Rush | 5.4 | 2.9 |
| Average Per Game | 200.2 | 103.8 |
| TDs Rushing | 34 | 12 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 4174 | 1962 |
| Att-Cmp-Int | 299-424-6 | 190-371-4 |
| Average Per Pass | 9.8 | 5.3 |
| Average Per Catch | 14.0 | 10.3 |
| Average Per Game | 321.1 | 150.9 |
| TDs Passing | 38 | 8 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 6777 | 3311 |
| Total Plays | 910 | 832 |
| Average Per Play | 7.4 | 4.0 |
| Average Per Game | 521.3 | 254.7 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 33-777 | 90-1956 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 40-506 | 13-126 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 14-181 | 6-64 |

| TEAM STATISTICS | BSU | OPP |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| KICK RETURN AVG. | 23.5 | 21.7 |
| PUNT RETURN AVG. | 12.6 | 9.7 |
| INT RETURN AVG. | 12.9 | 10.7 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 23-13 | 29-13 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 74-711 | 71-609 |
| Average Per Game | 54.7 | 46.8 |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 32-1372 | 84-3396 |
| Average Per Punt | 42.9 | 40.4 |
| Net punt average | 36.4 | 33.0 |
| TIME OF POSSESS./GAME | 30:38 | 30:31 |
| 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 76/155 | 54/189 |
| 3rd-Down Pct. | 49% | 29% |
| 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 6/16 | 9/24 |
| 4th-Down Pct. | 38% | 38% |
| SACKS BY-YARDS | 49-303 | 8-56 |
| MISC YARDS | 15 | 40 |
| TDS SCORED | 77 | 22 |
| FG-ATTEMPTS | 16-24 | 5-12 |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | 70-72 | 19-21 |
| ATTENDANCE | 241534 | 116079 |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 7/34505 | 5/23216 |
| Neutral Site Games | | 1/86587 |

| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Boise State | 170 | 199 | 145 | 72 | 0 | 586 |
| Opponent | 31 | 24 | 53 | 55 | 3 | 166 |

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MOUNTAIN WEST



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| S.2 | @Baylor | 45-10 |
| S.10 | @AIR FORCE | 38-7 |
| S.17 | Louisiana-Monroe | |
| S.24 | Portland State | |
| S.30 | SMU | 41-24 |
| O.8 | @SAN DIEGO STATE | 40-35 |
| O.22 | New Mexico | 66-17 |
| O.28 | BYU* | 31-3 |
| N.5 | @WYOMING | 45-0 |
| N.12 | @BOISE STATE | |
| N.19 | Colorado State | 27-0 |
| D.3 | UNLV | 48-6 |

*at Arlington, Texas

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Gary Patterson

11th year (98-28)

Career record: 98-28

Offensive coordinators:

Jarrett Anderson (3rd year) and Justin Fuente (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Dick Bumpas (8th year)

FAST FACTS

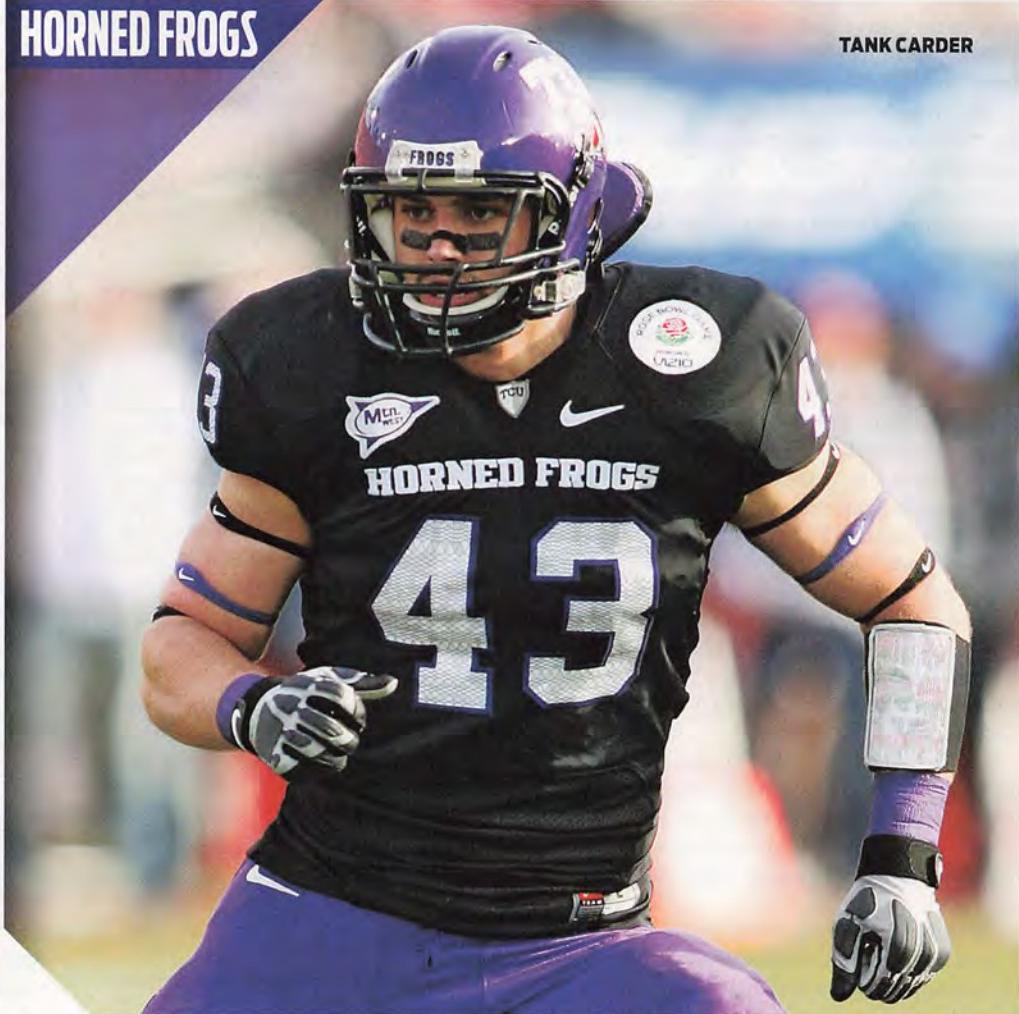
2010 RECORD: 13-0 MWC: 8-0
(beat Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl, 21-19)**Stadium:** Amon G. Carter Stadium (44,008)**Tickets:** 817-257-FROG**Site:** Fort Worth**Official athletic Web site:** www.gofrogs.com

TCU



HORNED FROGS

TANK CARDER



Could a team have had a more successful year than TCU enjoyed in 2010?

The Horned Frogs can now boast an undefeated season at 13-0, a conference championship and a Rose Bowl victory over Wisconsin. They also gained the respect and adulation of a nation that would have loved to have seen Gary Patterson's team in the BCS national title game.

But as Patterson said time and again, you can only control what you can control, and TCU took care of its business in a professional manner. And, in order to be more competitive in the BCS, the school has opted to leave the Mountain West for the Big East in 2012. The Big East gets an automatic bid into the BCS, and should the Frogs manage to replicate their 2010 season in 2012 or beyond, they will receive their just reward.

In the meantime, there's one more season in the MWC, and TCU will try to navigate its way through with a stout defense, a new quarterback and a veteran offensive line. Whether that's enough to topple Boise State and remain at the

top of the Mountain West may depend on how sophomore signal-caller Casey Pachall performs.

Pachall was able to gain some invaluable experience mopping up for All-American Andy Dalton in blowouts last season. In eight games, Pachall threw for 78 yards and a touchdown. He also averaged 6.3 yards rushing in 15 attempts.

Patterson had him in lockdown mode last year while he learned the ropes. But now that he's in charge, the 6-4 sophomore will finally spread his wings against the best defenses in the conference. However, no one knows if he can perform effectively in that setting.

Helping Pachall will be Ed Wesley, the junior tailback who rushed for 1,078 yards and scored 11 touchdowns in 2010. Wesley will be asked to get the tough yards in third-down situations—though junior Matthew Tucker, who rushed for 709 yards and seven touchdowns, is expected to give Wesley some relief.

Pachall has experienced targets in sophomore Josh Boyce, who had 34 catches and six

touchdowns last year, and senior Antoine Hicks, who might be limited this season due to previous injuries. Skye Dawson can stretch defenses with his speed; he'll be a factor as well.

Freshman LaDarius Brown was a top-50 recruit nationally and turned down Alabama and Texas to come to Fort Worth. He figures to help on offense as well as special teams.

Senior tight end Logan Brock is a reliable pass catcher and excellent blocker.

Even if the offense struggles, TCU's stout defense will keep it in games. Linebackers Tank Carder and Tanner Brock lead a unit that surrendered just 99.7 yards on the ground and 128.8 yards through the air per game last year.

Carder, a 6-3 senior, was the Mountain West's Defensive Player of the Year in 2010. His breakup of a two-point conversion pass in the final seconds helped seal TCU's Rose Bowl win over Wisconsin. He always seems to be in the right place to make a big play.

Brock, the younger brother of tight end Logan, had 106 tackles and racked up double-digit tackles (including 12 against Utah) in four games last season. He is the perfect complement to Carder.

Up front, sophomore end Stansly Maponga and junior tackle D.J. Yendrey are going to be tough to run against. They can also put pressure up on opposing quarterbacks. Keep an eye on end Braylon Broughton. The 6-6, 272-pound senior has made improvement in each of his three years in the program and could have a big season as teams try to block Maponga and Yendrey.

Senior cornerback Greg McCoy, who has 15 starts and five career interceptions, will anchor the secondary. There's experience at safety with seniors Johnny Fobbs and Tekerrein Cuba. Also, corner Travaras Battle saw lots of action as a true freshman last year.

The TCU special teams are in good hands with senior kicker Ross Evans and punter Anson Kelton. Speedsters McCoy and Dawson will provide fireworks on kickoff and punt returns.

Losing a talent like Dalton is not easy to overcome, but Patterson's recruiting depth over the years will help TCU deal with his departure. The Frogs figure to maintain their high standard of excellence as they prepare to transition from the Mountain West to the Big East.

RECRUITING REPORT

For several years now, coach Gary Patterson has had TCU on the national radar with unheralded talent. If he has that much success with the unheralded prospects, it's a little scary to think what he might be able to do with his 2011 haul.

The group heading to Fort Worth is stacked with elite talent, and arguably the best of the bunch is Waxahachie, Texas, athlete LaDarius Brown. Brown could project at either safety or wide receiver in college. He has been one of the most exciting players in Texas over the past two years.

Brandon Carter of Euless (Texas) Trinity was a do-everything athlete for one of the nation's top high school programs. Carter is

lightning in a bottle on the football field. Along with Brown and Carter, safety Quincy Aldridge, defensive back Kolby Griffin and wide receiver David Porter are some of the best in the country at their positions.

All of that skill will be joined by plenty of talent at the line of scrimmage. Jon Lewis decommitted from Oklahoma to sign with TCU (as did Carter), and Chuck Hunter has long been regarded one of the top defensive linemen in Louisiana.

Five four-star prospects signed with TCU, but nearly every member of the 2011 class could develop into a big-time player. After all, developing players is Patterson's trademark.

—Barton Simmons, 247Sports



GAME-CHANGER

Greg McCoy, CB

There's nothing like having speed, and TCU has someone who can use his to make big plays on defense and special teams. McCoy's five career interceptions, as well as his ability to gain field position on kickoffs (he averaged 33.4 yards per return last year), make him an invaluable performer for the Horned Frogs.

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Casey Pachall

| GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg/G |
|----|--------|-------------|------|------|----|-------|
| 8 | 176.1 | 9-6-0 | 66.7 | 78 | 1 | 9.8 |

RUSHING

| GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg/G | |
|-----------|------|-----|------|-----|-------|------|
| Ed Wesley | 13 | 166 | 1078 | 6.5 | 11 | 82.9 |

RECEIVING

| GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg/G | |
|------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|
| Josh Boyce | 13 | 34 | 646 | 19.0 | 6 | 49.7 |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| GP | Solo | Assist | Total | |
|--------------|------|--------|-------|-----|
| Tanner Brock | 13 | 58 | 48 | 106 |

SACKS

| GP | No. | Yards | |
|-------------|-----|-------|----|
| Tank Carder | 13 | 9.5 | 31 |

INTERCEPTIONS

| No. | Yards | Avg. | TD | |
|------------|-------|------|------|---|
| Greg McCoy | 2 | -2 | -1.0 | 0 |

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 4 | Casey Pachall (6-4, 208, So.) |
| | 10 | Matt Brown (6-1, 185, Fr.) |
| RB | 34 | Ed Wesley (5-9, 200, Jr.) |
| | 29 | Matthew Tucker (6-1, 210, Jr.) |
| LDT | 56 | James Dunbar (6-6, 305, So.) |
| | 79 | Nykiere Wellington (6-6, 275, Fr.) |
| LOG | 55 | Kyle Dooley (6-3, 315, Sr.) |
| | 77 | Spencer Thompson (6-4, 305, Sr.) |
| C | 64 | James Fry (6-3, 290, Jr.) |
| | 73 | Eric Tausch (6-3, 295, So.) |
| ROG | 66 | Blaize Foltz (6-4, 310, Jr.) |
| | 75 | John Wooldridge (6-5, 310, So.) |
| ROT | 62 | Jeff Olson (6-4, 282, Sr.) |
| | 74 | Ty Horn (6-5, 320, So.) |
| TE | 80 | Logan Brock (6-3, 260, Sr.) |
| | 86 | Corey Fuller (6-6, 255, Jr.) |
| WR | 82 | Josh Boyce (6-0, 203, So.) |
| | 22 | Jercell Fort (5-11, 195, Sr.) |
| WR | 13 | Antoine Hicks (6-2, 212, Sr.) |
| | 83 | Jonathan Jones (6-4, 215, Sr.) |
| WR | 11 | Skye Dawson (5-10, 175, Jr.) |
| | 20 | Ethan Grant (5-10, 175, Fr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 90 | Stansly Maponga (6-2, 265, So.) |
| | 52 | Ross Forrest (6-4, 265, Jr.) |
| LDT | 93 | Jeremy Coleman (6-2, 290, Jr.) |
| | 92 | Ray Burns (6-1, 290, So.) |
| RDT | 94 | D.J. Yendrey (6-4, 273, Jr.) |
| | 53 | David Johnson (6-2, 270, Fr.) |
| RDE | 99 | Braylon Broughton (6-6, 272, Sr.) |
| | 91 | Matt Anderson (6-3, 245, So.) |
| MLB | 35 | Tanner Brock (6-3, 246, Jr.) |
| | 33 | Kris Gardner (6-1, 238, Sr.) |
| SLB | 43 | Tank Carder (6-3, 237, Sr.) |
| | 51 | Kenny Cain (6-1, 210, Jr.) |
| LCB | 18 | Travaras Battle (6-0, 180, So.) |
| | 12 | Jason Verrett (5-10, 180, So.) |
| RCB | 7 | Greg McCoy (5-10, 181, Sr.) |
| | 25 | Kevin White (5-10, 174, Fr.) |
| FS | 21 | Johnny Fobbs (6-1, 203, Sr.) |
| | 6 | Elisha Olabode (5-10, 182, So.) |
| SS | 23 | Trento Thomas (5-11, 190, So.) |
| | 17 | Sam Carter (6-1, 210, Fr.) |
| WS | 1 | Tekerrein Cuba (6-4, 210, Sr.) |
| | 41 | Jonathan Anderson (6-3, 208, Fr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 37 | Ross Evans (5-9, 185, Sr.) |
| P | 47 | Anson Kelton (6-4, 280, Sr.) |

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2010 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS

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OPP

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| SCORING | 541 | 156 | | | | |
| Points Per Game | 41.6 | 12.0 | | | | |
| FIRST DOWNS | 327 | 156 | | | | |
| Rushing | 185 | 76 | | | | |
| Passing | 131 | 67 | | | | |
| Penalty | 11 | 13 | | | | |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 3216 | 1296 | | | | |
| Yards gained rushing | 3413 | 1586 | | | | |
| Yards lost rushing | 197 | 290 | | | | |
| Rushing Attempts | 600 | 391 | | | | |
| Average Per Rush | 5.4 | 3.3 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 247.4 | 99.7 | | | | |
| TDS Rushing | 41 | 9 | | | | |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 2983 | 1674 | | | | |
| Att-Comp-Int | 218-331-6 | 157-323-12 | | | | |
| Average Per Pass | 9.0 | 5.2 | | | | |
| Average Per Catch | 13.7 | 10.7 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 229.5 | 128.8 | | | | |
| TDS Passing | 29 | 10 | | | | |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 6199 | 2970 | | | | |
| Total Plays | 931 | 714 | | | | |
| Average Per Play | 6.7 | 4.2 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 476.8 | 228.5 | | | | |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 31-803 | 83-1687 | | | | |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 36-533 | 17-121 | | | | |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 12-164 | 6-72 | | | | |
| TEAM STATISTICS | TCU | OPP | | | | |
| KICK RETURN AVG. | 25.9 | 20.3 | | | | |
| PUNT RETURN AVG. | 14.8 | 7.1 | | | | |
| INT RETURN AVG. | 13.7 | 12.0 | | | | |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 18-7 | 22-10 | | | | |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 68-542 | 64-507 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 41.7 | 39.0 | | | | |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 43-1769 | 92-3984 | | | | |
| Average Per Punt | 41.1 | 43.3 | | | | |
| Net punt average | 36.5 | 35.6 | | | | |
| TIME OF POSSESSION | 33:43 | 26:17 | | | | |
| 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 84/159 | 40/166 | | | | |
| 3rd-Down Pct. | 53% | 24% | | | | |
| 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 9/13 | 8/17 | | | | |
| 4th-Down Pct. | 69% | 47% | | | | |
| SACKS BY-YARDS | 27-155 | 9-64 | | | | |
| MISC YARDS | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| TDS SCORED | 73 | 20 | | | | |
| FG-ATTEMPTS | 11-13 | 6-8 | | | | |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | 68-73 | 18-19 | | | | |
| ATTENDANCE | 254797 | 139941 | | | | |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 6/42466 | 5/27988 | | | | |
| Neutral Site Games | 2/70128 | | | | | |
| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
| TCU | 161 | 145 | 117 | 118 | 0 | 541 |
| Opponent | 55 | 36 | 31 | 34 | 0 | 156 |

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MOUNTAIN WEST

AZTECS

The Aztecs were one of college football's great turnaround stories in 2010, as Brady Hoke took a team that went 4-8 in 2009 and made it a 9-4 team that won a bowl game.

And it could have been better. San Diego State's four losses were by a combined 15 points and included close games against Missouri, Utah, BYU and TCU.

But success came at a price, as Hoke left San Diego State to become Michigan's head coach. Fortunately for Aztec fans, veteran Rocky Long was promoted from defensive coordinator to the top job. He had manned the helm at New Mexico and is familiar with the league and the team, so SDSU could maintain some continuity going into the new season.

Senior quarterback Ryan Lindley is the undisputed leader of the offense after throwing for 3,830 yards and 28 touchdowns as a junior.

He has several playmakers returning as starters, including running back Ronnie Hillman, who rushed for 1,532 yards and scored 17 touchdowns a year ago. Hillman gives the Aztecs a breakaway back who can make big plays on his own. Some compare him to Doug Martin of Boise State.

The offensive line is experienced with four starters back to claim their spots. Center Alec Johnson, left tackle Tommie Draheim, right tackle Kurtis Gunther and right guard Nik Embernate should keep Lindley and Hillman safe in the backfield. The Aztecs will also rely on left guard Emilio Rivera, who has two years of experience.

Defensively, outside linebacker Miles Burris has developed into one of the league's best. He led the team with 80 tackles and 9.5 sacks last year. Fellow outside 'backer Logan Ketchum had 52 tackles.

All-MWC corner Leon McFadden and safety Brandon Davis can cover and tackle. Look for them to provide the most experience in the secondary.

The Aztecs also have outstanding players on special teams in senior punter Brian Stahovich and kicker Abelardo Perez, who were both all-conference picks a year ago.

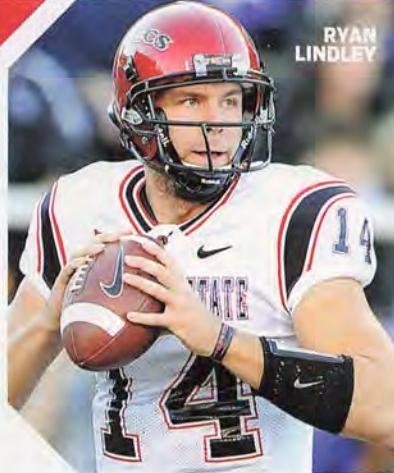
Hoke will reunite with some of his players Sept. 24 when the Aztecs visit Michigan. Following the trip to Ann Arbor, SDSU will play host to TCU and then travel to Air Force Oct. 13. If the team can get through that stretch with at least two wins, it should be in good shape to duplicate last year's run to a bowl game.



GAME-CHANGER

Ronnie Hillman, RB

Hillman took the Mountain West by storm last year, as the 185-pound running back scored 17 touchdowns and was the conference's Freshman of the Year. He may be scouted more closely as a sophomore, but with his speed and strength, he'll still be a handful.



PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 14 | Ryan Lindley (6-4, 220, Sr.) |
| RB | 13 | Ronnie Hillman (5-10, 185, So.) |
| LOT | 60 | Tommie Draheim (6-4, 300, Sr.) |
| LOG | 53 | Emilio Rivera (6-4, 305, Sr.) |
| C | 71 | Alec Johnson (6-3, 295, Jr.) |
| ROG | 68 | Nik Embernate (6-4, 305, Jr.) |
| ROT | 79 | Kurtis Gunther (6-8, 290, Sr.) |
| TE | 88 | Gavin Escobar (6-6, 245, So.) |
| WR | 84 | Dylan Denso (6-2, 205, So.) |
| WR | 87 | Bryce Quigley (6-5, 240, So.) |
| WR | 18 | Dominique Sandifer (6-0, 190, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| LDE | 49 | J.J. Autele (6-1, 250, Sr.) |
| NT | 94 | Jerome Long (6-5, 280, Sr.) |
| RDE | 55 | Neil Spencer (6-2, 280, Sr.) |
| WLB | 31 | Logan Ketchum (6-3, 220, Sr.) |
| MLB | 56 | Jake Fely (5-10, 205, So.) |
| SLB | 9 | Miles Burris (6-3, 235, Sr.) |
| LCB | 2 | Leon McFadden (5-10, 180, Jr.) |
| RCB | 12 | Josh Wade (6-0, 180, Jr.) |
| S | 20 | Nat Berhe (5-10, 185, So.) |
| S | 11 | Brandon Davis (6-2, 190, Sr.) |
| S | 41 | Khalid Stevens (5-11, 195, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|---------------------------------|
| K | 38 | Abelardo Perez (6-1, 225, Sr.) |
| P | 14 | Brian Stahovich (6-0, 190, Sr.) |

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| 5.3 | Cal Poly | |
| 5.10 | @ARMY | |
| 5.17 | Washington State | |
| 5.24 | @MICHIGAN | |
| 0.8 | TCU | 35-40 |
| 0.13 | @AIR FORCE | 27-25 |
| 0.29 | Wyoming | 48-38 |
| N.5 | New Mexico | 30-20 |
| N.12 | @COLORADO STATE | 24-19 |
| N.19 | Boise State | |
| N.26 | @UNLV | 48-14 |
| D.3 | Fresno State | |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Rocky Long

1st year

Career record: 65-69

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR:

Andy Ludwig (1st year)

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR:

Kurtis Gunther (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 9-4 MWC: 5-3

(beat Navy in the Poinsettia Bowl, 35-14)

Stadium: Qualcomm Stadium (54,000)

Tickets: 619-283-SDSU

Site: San Diego

Official athletic Web site: www.goaztecs.com

RATING THE RECRUTS

1 ▶ De'Saan Hardwick: ATH, 5-10, 170

Hardwick committed to the Aztecs before the start of his senior season. He chose San Diego State over offers from Arizona, Boise State and several others. The versatile prospect has been clocked at 10.75 in the 100 meters.

2 ▶ Chad Jeffries: QB, 6-2, 190, QB

Though injuries slowed Jeffries' senior season, his performances on the camp circuit allowed him to show he was one of the top quarterbacks in the West.

3 ▶ Brandon Wright: RB, 5-11, 190

While some schools liked Wright on defense, he will play running back for the Aztecs. He rushed for more than 1,600 yards and scored 25 touchdowns as a senior.

4 ▶ Sam Atoe: S, 5-11, 206

Though he was an elite running back at the high school level in California, Atoe projects as a safety in college. He is a very physical player.

5 ▶ Larry Clark: WR, 6-3, 215

Because of his size and strength, don't be surprised if this Los Angeles native sees the field early. San Diego State is in need of depth at wide receiver.

AIR FORCE

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FALCONS

MOUNTAIN WEST

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 7 | Tim Jefferson (6-0, 200, Sr.) |
| RB | 35 | Wesley Cobb (5-9, 190, Jr.) |
| RB | 17 | Asher Clark (5-8, 185, Sr.) |
| LOT | 75 | Jason Kons (6-4, 255, Jr.) |
| LOG | 67 | Jordan Eason (6-3, 255, Jr.) |
| C | 63 | Jeffrey Benson (6-0, 255, Sr.) |
| ROG | 73 | A.J. Wallerstein (6-4, 280, Sr.) |
| ROT | 70 | Kevin Whitt (6-3, 255, Sr.) |
| TE | 81 | Joshua Freeman (6-3, 200, Sr.) |
| WR | 85 | Zack Kauth (6-4, 205, Sr.) |
| WR | 15 | Jonathan Warzeka (5-9, 180, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|------|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 78 | Zach Payne (6-3, 255, Sr.) |
| NT | 86 | Ryan Gardner (6-3, 260, Sr.) |
| RDE | 95 | Harry Kehs (6-4, 260, Sr.) |
| LOL | 50 | Alex Mears (6-5, 220, Jr.) |
| LILB | 32 | Jordan Waiwaihole (6-3, 230, Sr.) |
| RILB | 41 | Brady Amack (6-0, 225, Sr.) |
| ROLB | 44 | Patrick Hennessey (6-2, 225, Sr.) |
| LCB | 5 | Anthony Wright (5-10, 190, Sr.) |
| RCB | 14 | Josh Hall (6-0, 175, Sr.) |
| FS | 6 | Jon Davis (6-1, 198, Sr.) |
| SS | 34 | Anthony Wooding (6-2, 177, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|
| K | 99 | Erik Soderberg (6-1, 190, Sr.) |
| P | 96 | David Baska (6-0, 175, So.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUTS

1 ▶ Tanner Rice: DE, 6-2, 240

Though he's undersized, Rice is a tough and disruptive defensive lineman who plays with a high motor. He helped lead his Coppell (Texas) High School team to an undefeated regular season in 2010.

2 ▶ Jaleel Awini: ATH, 6-2, 190

The Gatorade Player of the Year in Colorado, Awini threw for more than 1,200 yards and rushed for in excess of 1,000 as a senior while combining for 30 touchdowns. He could play quarterback or move to another position.

3 ▶ Trevor Caswell: S, 6-1, 200

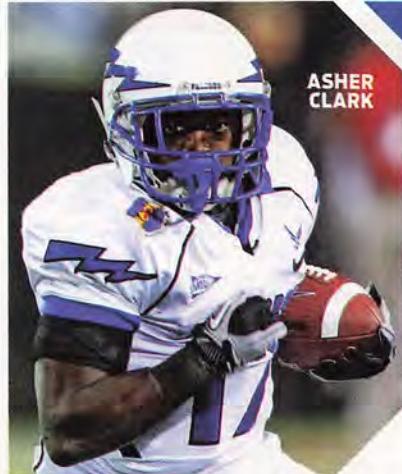
A safety with good size and speed, Caswell is also a hurdler on the track team. Caswell comes from a very talented Round Rock (Texas) Stony Point program.

4 ▶ Courtney Whitehead: WR, 6-2, 195

With good size and speed, Whitehead was very productive on the high school level. As a senior he caught 70 passes for more than 1,000 yards.

5 ▶ Colton Huntsman: QB, 6-1, 180

Huntsman is an undersized but very heady quarterback. As a senior, he compiled more than 3,500 yards of total offense.



ASHER CLARK



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-----------------|------------|
| S.3 | South Dakota | 7-38 |
| S.10 | TCU | 14-6 |
| S.24 | Tennessee State | 25-27 |
| O.1 | @NAVY | 48-23 |
| O.8 | @NOTRE DAME | 42-22 |
| O.13 | San Diego State | 20-14 |
| O.22 | @BOISE STATE | 35-20 |
| O.29 | @NEW MEXICO | 49-27 |
| N.5 | Army | |
| N.12 | Wyoming | |
| N.19 | UNLV | |
| N.26 | @COLORADO STATE | |

COACH

Troy Calhoun

5th year (34-18)
Career record: 34-18

Offensive coordinators:

Clay Hendrix (5th year), Blane Morgan (5th year) and Mike Thiessen (3rd year)

Defensive coordinators:

Matt Wallerstedt (2nd year), Charlton Warren (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 9-4 MWC: 5-3

(beat Georgia Tech in the Independence Bowl, 14-7)

Stadium: Falcon Stadium (46,692)

Tickets: 800-666-USAF

Site: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Official athletic Web site:
www.goairforcefalcons.com

If you're an Air Force fan, it didn't get much better than 2010.

It started with a 9-4 season and ended with a 14-7 win over Georgia Tech in the Independence Bowl. In between, the Falcons beat rival service academies Navy and Army to win the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the first time since 2002.

So there is much to celebrate as Troy Calhoun begins his fifth year as head coach. Quarterback Tim Jefferson is beginning to live up to expectations, as the senior has won 21 games and is set to pass Dee Dowis in September as the school's winningest quarterback. Dowis had 22 wins from 1987-89.

Jefferson runs the option offense with laser-like precision. The Falcons averaged 306.5 yards per game last season with Jefferson accounting for 61 yards each game on the ground and an additional 112 through the air. He completed 51.6 percent of his passes and threw for 1,459 yards.

He'll look for Jonathan Warzeka and Zack Kauth up the field, and also will be handing the ball to running back Asher Clark, who averaged 79.3 yards a game last season. Opening the holes will be veteran guard A.J. Wallerstein, center Jeffrey Benson and tackle Jason Kons.

Defensively, Air Force has eight starters returning, led by inside linebackers Brady Amack, Ken Lamendola and Jordan Waiwaihole. Waiwaihole, last year's leading tackler (96 stops), should make the Falcons tough to run against.

The secondary is also a strength with safety Jon Davis and cornerback Anthony Wright starting again for the Falcons. Wright, a senior, has 10 career interceptions.

Air Force finished second in the league in pass defense, allowing just 147.8 yards a game last year, which is significant given the Mountain West was considered a passing league in 2010. That doesn't figure to change with Boise State's arrival this season. Calhoun has done an excellent job in his four years at the Academy in making sure the team's pass defense is strong.

Air Force also excels in special teams. The Falcons blocked three kicks last year, with sophomore linebacker Jamil Cooks accounting for two of them.

The schedule shouldn't be too challenging this season, with the exception of a four-week span during October when the Falcons travel to Navy, Notre Dame and Boise State. All three will be tough games, and how AFA fares during that stretch may determine what happens in December. But with a veteran quarterback, a solid running back and a stout defense, the Falcons can likely survive that tough month.

GAME-CHANGER

Jonathan Warzeka, WR

Warzeka only had 18 receptions last year, but that was good enough to lead the team. The 5-9 senior also averaged 28.7 yards on kickoff returns and can give the Falcons good starting field position.



COLORADO STATE

RAMS

MOUNTAIN WEST



There are a lot of changes in Fort Collins as coach Steve Fairchild looks to turn around a program that went 3-9 last year and finished tied for sixth place in the Mountain West.

He shook up his coaching staff. He's going with a 3-4 defensive scheme. He held spring drills in the morning and he changed the conditioning program in hopes of generating competition from within.

One thing Fairchild didn't need to change was his quarterback. He's got a keeper in Pete Thomas, who had an outstanding freshman season and is poised to be the top signal-caller in the MWC. Thomas threw for 2,662 yards and 11 touchdowns and completed 64.7 percent of his passes. If there ever was a franchise player for a college program, it's Thomas at CSU.

But it's going to take some tough linemen surrounding Thomas to win and, fortunately, the Rams have four of their five starters on the offensive line returning, including all-conference tackle Paul Madsen and center Weston Richburg. They will provide Thomas with adequate protection and open holes for the running backs.

As for who will start in the backfield, that won't be determined until fall camp ends. Senior Raymond Carter is the most experienced returning back, but former walk-on Derek Good or freshman Dorian Brown could start. Newcomers Kapri Bibbs, Davon Riddick and Donnell Alexander will try to make a positive impression when they arrive in August.

Defensively, Colorado State looks to be a faster team and, with six starters returning, Fairchild hopes to be more effective running the scheme he established last year.

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| S.3 | @NEW MEXICO | 38-14 |
| S.10 | Northern Colorado | |
| S.17 | Colorado* | 3-24 |
| S.24 | @UTAH STATE | |
| O.1 | San Jose State | |
| O.15 | Boise State | |
| O.22 | @UTEP | |
| O.29 | @UNLV | 43-10 |
| N.12 | San Diego State | 19-24 |
| N.19 | @TCU | 0-27 |
| N.26 | Air Force | 27-49 |
| D.3 | Wyoming | 0-44 |

*at Denver

COACHES

Coach: Steve Fairchild, 4th year (13-24)

Career record: 13-24

Offensive coordinator:

Pat Meyer (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Larry Kerr (4th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 3-9 MWC: 2-6

Stadium: Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium (34,400)

Tickets: 800-491-RAMS

Site: Fort Collins

Official athletic Web site:

www.csurams.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| QB 4 | Pete Thomas (6-5, 219, So.) |
| FB 34 | Joe Brown (6-3, 232, So.) |
| RB 20 | Raymond Carter (6-0, 216, Sr.) |
| LOT 76 | Paul Madsen (6-4, 313, Sr.) |
| LOG 58 | Jake Gadowski (6-3, 309, Sr.) |
| C 70 | Weston Richburg (6-4, 302, So.) |
| ROG 64 | Jordan Gragert (6-4, 294, So.) |
| ROT 77 | Joe Caprioglio (6-6, 318, Jr.) |
| TE 99 | Crockett Gilmore (6-6, 241, So.) |
| WR 1 | Lou Greenwood (6-0, 181, Jr.) |
| WR 9 | Marquise Law (6-4, 199, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | |
|--------|-----------------------------------|
| LDE 9 | C.J. James (6-3, 241, Jr.) |
| LOT 57 | John Froiland (6-5, 260, Fr.) |
| RDT 92 | Nuku Latu (6-2, 300, Sr.) |
| RDE 29 | Broderick Sargent (6-2, 237, Jr.) |
| SLB 1 | Mike Orakpo (6-1, 215, So.) |
| MLB 43 | James Skelton (6-2, 226, Jr.) |
| WLB 6 | Mychal Siemon (5-11, 207, Sr.) |
| LCB 5 | Momo Thomas (5-9, 183, Jr.) |
| RCB 22 | Elijah-Blu Smith (5-11, 193, Sr.) |
| FS 37 | Austin Gray (6-3, 209, Fr.) |
| SS 35 | Ivory Herd (5-11, 200, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|------|---------------------------------|
| K 14 | Ben DeLine (6-0, 183, Sr.) |
| P 41 | Pete Kontodikas (6-3, 219, Jr.) |



WYOMING

COWBOYS

MOUNTAIN WEST



Nobody was happier to see 2010 end than Dave Christensen, as the Wyoming coach had just suffered through a 3-9 season and saw his team tie New Mexico for the Mountain West cellar at 1-7.

He also saw his quarterback, Austyn Carta-Samuels, opt to transfer, leaving a void at an important position. The vacancy means either true freshman Brett Smith or redshirt freshman Emory Miller will get to start Sept. 3 against Weber State at War Memorial Stadium. So far, Miller has a slight advantage over Smith.

Running back Alvester Alexander had a nice sophomore season, scoring 14 touchdowns. He figures to be the focal point of the Cowboys' offense after rushing for 792 yards last year.

It may be up to the Wyoming defense to keep the team in close games. Senior end Josh Bienzuns leads an experienced group that was sixth in the league in overall defense last year. Bienzuns was a second-team all-conference pick and, along with fellow defensive end Gabe Knapton and tackle Mike Purcell, should give Wyoming a decent pass rush.

Senior cornerback Tashaun Gipson leads an athletic secondary, while junior safeties Luke Ruff and Kenny Browder and corner Marqueston Huff fortify the strong unit.

Punter Austin McCoy averaged 42.8 yards as a junior and was used 68 times last year. True freshman Daniel Sullivan has a good shot to win the placekicking job.

Christensen is hoping he can get off to a fast start before facing Nebraska at home Sept. 24. But that may depend on whom he chooses to be his quarterback and if he can keep his team healthy. There's not a lot of depth in Laramie.

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Weber State | |
| S.10 | Texas State | |
| S.17 | @BOWLING GREEN | |
| S.24 | Nebraska | |
| O.8 | @UTAH STATE | |
| O.15 | UNLV | 16-42 |
| O.29 | @SAN DIEGO STATE | 38-48 |
| N.5 | TCU | 0-45 |
| N.12 | @AIR FORCE | 14-20 |
| N.19 | New Mexico | 31-34 |
| N.26 | @BOISE STATE | 6-51 |
| D.3 | @COLORADO STATE | 44-0 |

COACHES

Coach: Dave Christensen, 3rd year (10-15)

Career record: 10-15

Offensive coordinator:

Marcus Arroyo (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Marty English (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 3-9 MWC: 1-7

Stadium: Jonah Field at War Memorial Stadium (32,580)

Tickets: 800-922-9461

Site: Laramie

Official athletic Web site:

www.wyomingathletics.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | |
|--------|-------------------------------------|
| QB 11 | Emory Miller (5-11, 190, Fr.) |
| FB 32 | Alvester Alexander (5-11, 208, So.) |
| LOT 69 | John Hutchins (6-5, 295, Sr.) |
| LOG 51 | Tyler Strong (6-3, 275, So.) |
| C 60 | Nick Carlson (6-4, 292, Jr.) |
| ROG 77 | Brandon Self (6-3, 301, Sr.) |
| ROT 65 | Kyle Magnuson (6-6, 317, Jr.) |
| WR 80 | Chris McNeill (6-1, 180, Jr.) |
| WR 6 | Robert Herron (5-10, 187, So.) |
| WR 2 | Mazi Obionna (6-1, 200, Sr.) |
| WR 83 | T.J. Smith (6-3, 220, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| LDE 44 | Josh Bleuzens (6-2, 260, Sr.) |
| LDT 50 | Mike Purcell (6-3, 286, Jr.) |
| RDT 95 | Patrick Mertens (6-5, 280, So.) |
| RDE 52 | Gabe Knapton (6-3, 263, Sr.) |
| SLB 5 | Korey Jones (6-2, 225, Jr.) |
| MLB 35 | Oliver Schober (6-0, 235, Sr.) |
| WLB 8 | Brian Hendricks (6-1, 228, Sr.) |
| LCB 4 | Tashaun Gipson (6-0, 208, Sr.) |
| RCB 2 | Marqueston Huff (6-0, 189, So.) |
| FS 24 | Kenny Browder (5-11, 175, Jr.) |
| SS 29 | Luke Ruff (5-11, 195, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|------|----------------------------------|
| K 14 | Daniel Sullivan (5-10, 185, Fr.) |
| P 28 | Austin McCoy (6-3, 208, Sr.) |

NEW MEXICO



LOBOS



MOUNTAIN WEST

UNLV

REBELS



MOUNTAIN WEST

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Colorado State | 14-38 |
| S.10 | @ARKANSAS* | |
| S.17 | Texas Tech | 17-52 |
| S.24 | Sam Houston State | |
| O.1 | New Mexico State | 14-16 |
| O.15 | @NEVADA | |
| O.22 | @TCU | 17-66 |
| O.29 | Air Force | 23-48 |
| N.5 | @SAN DIEGO STATE | 20-30 |
| N.12 | UNLV | 10-45 |
| N.19 | @WYOMING | 34-31 |
| D.3 | @BOISE STATE | |

*at Little Rock, Ark.

COACHES

Coach: Mike Locksley, 3rd year (2-22)

Career record: 2-22

Offensive coordinator:

David Reaves (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

George Barlow (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 1-11 MWC: 1-7

Stadium: University Stadium (38,634)

Tickets: 505-925-5626

Site: Albuquerque

Official athletic Web site:
www.golobos.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB 11 Stump Godfrey (6-0, 210, So.)

RB 21 Kasey Carrier (5-9, 180, Jr.)

LOT 68 Korian Chambers (6-6, 322, Jr.)

LOG 61 Calvin McDowney (6-3, 340, So.)

C 63 Dillon Farrell (6-5, 290, So.)

ROG 79 Mike Muniz (6-4, 284, Sr.)

ROT 71 Darryl Johnson (6-4, 305, So.)

TE 97 Lucas Reed (6-6, 215, Jr.)

WR 85 Quintell Solomon (6-3, 185, Jr.)

WR 7 Laamar Thomas (6-0, 185, Jr.)

WR 84 Ty Kirk (6-2, 180, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE 48 Jaymar Latchison (6-3, 265, Sr.)

LDT 49 Ugo Uzodinma (5-4, 280, Jr.)

RDT 91 Brett Kennedy (6-3, 260, Sr.)

RDE 60 Jake Carr (6-3, 250, Jr.)

LB 58 Carmen Messina (6-2, 240, Sr.)

LB 39 Joe Stoner (5-10, 224, Jr.)

LOBO 32 DeShon Marman (5-11, 195, Jr.)

LCB 6 Anthony Hooks (5-11, 175, Sr.)

RCB 29 DeShawn Mills (5-10, 176, Jr.)

FS 28 Bubba Forrest (6-1, 205, Sr.)

WOLF 34 A.J. Butler (6-1, 195, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K 12 James Aho (5-9, 195, Sr.)

P 35 Ben Skaer (6-0, 185, So.)

In two years, Mike Locksley has posted a 2-22 record at New Mexico. The program has struggled on and off the field, yet athletic director Paul Krebs decided he would not make a change.

So it's obvious there's a lot of pressure on Locksley to turn things around in 2011. The question is: Can he take advantage of Utah and BYU leaving the Mountain West? Also, with UNLV and Wyoming being unsettled at quarterback, he'll have to beat both teams to save his job.

Stump Godfrey started the final four games at quarterback as a freshman and completed 58.8 percent of his pass attempts. The 6-0 sophomore will shoulder a lot of the burden this season as he attempts to use his arm and his legs to jump-start a sluggish UNM squad.

He'll be throwing to juniors Ty Kirk, Lucas Reed, Lamaar Thomas and Quintell Solomon. Another junior, Kasey Carrier, will start at tailback.

Look for the Lobos to spread things out offensively and use their athleticism to make plays and move the ball. Defensively, nine starters return from a unit that allowed a league-worst 469 yards a game last year.

Of those nine, the best is linebacker Carmen Messina, a second-team All-MWC selection who led the league with 115 tackles in '10. Safety Bubba Forrest is also a big tackler, backing up Messina with 100 stops. He had a pair of interceptions as well.

However, New Mexico's best weapon may be its kicker, James Aho. The three-year starter made eight of nine field goals last year and connected on all 22 of his extra point attempts. He has a career-long 51-yarder and is reliable.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| S.1 | @WISCONSIN | 21-41 |
| S.10 | @WASHINGTON STATE | |
| S.17 | Hawaii | 21-59 |
| S.24 | Southern Utah | |
| O.8 | @NEVADA | 26-44 |
| O.15 | @WYOMING | 42-16 |
| O.29 | Colorado State | 10-43 |
| N.5 | Boise State | |
| N.12 | @NEW MEXICO | 45-10 |
| N.19 | @AIR FORCE | 20-35 |
| N.26 | San Diego State | 14-48 |
| D.3 | @TCU | 6-48 |

COACHES

Coach: Bobby Hauck, 2nd year (2-11)

Career record: 2-11 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

Rob Phenice (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Kraig Paulson (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 2-11 MWC: 2-6

Stadium: Sam Boyd Stadium (36,800)

Tickets: 702-739-FANS

Site: Las Vegas

Official athletic Web site:
www.unlvrebels.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB 8 Caleb Herring (6-3, 180, So.)

FB 44 Kyle Watkins (6-2, 245, Sr.)

RB 35 Tim Cornett (6-0, 190, Jr.)

LOT 78 Cameron Jefferson (6-6, 265, Fr.)

LOG 64 Doug Zisman (6-2, 290, Jr.)

C 79 Robert Waterman (6-2, 275, Fr.)

ROG 63 Sean Tesor (6-2, 310, So.)

ROT 77 Yusef Rodgers (6-2, 250, Jr.)

TE 88 Anthony Vidal (6-5, 250, Sr.)

WR 4 Phillip Wayne (6-3, 205, Sr.)

WR 18 Marcus Sullivan (5-9, 185, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE 92 B.J. Bell (6-2, 260, Sr.)

LDT 95 Alex Klorman (6-2, 260, So.)

RDT 68 Nate Holloway (6-3, 350, So.)

RDE 96 James Dunlap (6-1, 265, Sr.)

SLB 43 Tim Hasson (6-2, 195, So.)

MLB 36 Nate Carter (6-1, 235, Sr.)

WLB 41 Tani Maka (6-1, 240, So.)

LCB 1 Will Chandler (5-11, 185, Sr.)

RCB 23 Sidney Hodge (5-8, 175, So.)

FS 29 Tajh Hasson (6-1, 185, Fr.)

SS 13 Eric Tulloma-Vaa (5-11, 180, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K 27 Nolan Kohorst (6-1, 170, So.)

P 2 Chase Lansford (6-2, 190, Jr.)

Year 1 of the Bobby Hauck Era was somewhat predictable. The Rebels played hard, but struggled and went 2-11. Still, they managed to avoid the conference cellar by beating Wyoming and New Mexico to go 2-6 in league play.

There remains a level of uncertainty as Hauck gears up for his second season. For starters, the quarterback position is up for grabs. Also, one of his best receivers was suspended in January and no one's sure if Michael Johnson is coming back. Both his offensive and defensive lines lack depth and, once again, the Rebels face a tough early-season schedule with road games at Wisconsin and Washington State.

Nevertheless, Hauck was optimistic coming out of spring drills, citing that he was able to keep his players out of the training room and on the field.

Heading into fall practice, sophomore quarterback Caleb Herring appeared to have a slight edge over junior college transfer Sean Reilly. Herring played eight games last year, and that experience is helping him win the starting spot under center.

Whoever gets the job will throw to a variety of receivers, including Phillip Payne, a senior with great hands who knows how to find the end zone. Payne had five touchdown grabs last year and averaged 17.2 yards per catch. Hauck is hoping for more out of his running game. Tim Cornett finished last year as the top running back, rushing for 546 yards as a freshman.

Defensively, UNLV allowed 450.5 yards per game last year. That must improve if the Rebels want to get better. To do that, expect end B.J. Bell to get pressure on the quarterback and All-MWC corner Will Chandler to lock down the opponent's top receiver.

MOUNTAIN WEST



PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

STOCK REPORT ▲ UP ▼ DOWN □ STEADY
BOWL PROJECTIONS

East

- 1** ▲ TEMPLE
Military Bowl
- 2** ▲ MIAMI (OHIO)
- 3** ▲ OHIO
- 4** ▲ AKRON
- 5** ▼ BUFFALO
- 6** ▲ BOWLING GREEN
- 7** ▼ KENT STATE

West

- 1** ▲ NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Godaddy.com Bowl
- 2** ▲ TOLEDO
Humanitarian Bowl
- 3** ▲ WESTERN MICHIGAN
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
- 4** ▲ CENTRAL MICHIGAN
- 5** ▲ EASTERN MICHIGAN
- 6** ▼ BALL STATE

TRENDING

1 Last year, Kent State's Roosevelt Nix proved how a freshman can make an immediate impact, and Toledo's Andre Sturdivant is capable of doing the same in 2011.



BERNARD PIERCE

It's a parity party in the MAC, where the division races always come down to the wire

By Rodney McKissic *Buffalo News*

Wether he wants to admit it or not, Steve Addazio fell into a great situation at Temple. So did Don Treadwell at Miami, which surprised everyone by winning the Mid-American Conference championship last season. And even before he got settled into his office in DeKalb, Ill., Dave Doeren was expected to take Northern Illinois over the hump and finally win a league title.

Despite employing new coaches, the faithful at Temple, Miami and Northern Illinois anticipate nothing less than a run at the championship in the parity-heavy MAC. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Last season, seven teams finished conference play at .500 or better, and it was Miami—predicted to finish near the bottom of the MAC East—that won the whole thing. MAC teams generally pad their schedules with opponents from BCS conferences in order to prepare for league play. So after facing a tough Missouri team on the road, the RedHawks felt little

pressure when they had to come from behind in the final minute to defeat Northern Illinois for the MAC championship.

So while Addazio's Owls, with the league's premier tailback in Bernard Pierce, enter the 2011 season as the leader of the pack, as many as five other teams must be considered serious contenders. Miami boasts two quarterbacks who would make other conference coaches drool. Northern Illinois returns QB Chandler Harnish, a first-team All-MAC honoree last season. Ohio can't be overlooked as long as Frank Solich works the sidelines, and Toledo could be dangerous if it develops a quarterback.

On the far end of the spectrum, first-year coaches at Kent State and Ball State are making major shifts in philosophy. Darrell Hazell comes from Ohio State to try and right the Golden Flashes, who have finished under .500 eight times since 2000, while Pete Lembo takes over a Ball State program that has won just six games since its undefeated regular season in 2008.

2 Miami sunk shortly after Ben Roethlisberger left, but it is now on the upswing. Don Treadwell will keep the program among the MAC's elite.

3 Buffalo had trouble running the football in Jeff Quinn's spread offense, so the Bulls will utilize their tight ends as blocking backs.

RATING THE MAC

► FASTEST RECEIVER

James Nixon, Temple

He has also seen time at cornerback and on special teams as a kick returner.

► BEST HANDS

Kamar Jorden, WR, Bowling Green

Second straight Falcon wide receiver to earn first-team All-MAC status, following Freddie Barnes.

► BEST PASSING QB

Ryan Radcliff, Central Michigan

He won't make Chippewas fans forget about Dan LeFevour, but he's a better passer.

► BEST RUNNING QB

Chandler Harnish, Northern Illinois

He has started three consecutive bowl games for the Huskies, and you can pencil him in for a fourth.

► MOST ELUSIVE RB

Adonis Thomas, Toledo

Thomas runs a 4.38 40-yard dash and is the centerpiece of the Rockets' offense.

► BEST INSTINCTS

Sean Baker, S, Ball State

League quarterbacks already know not to throw in the direction of Baker.

► BEST ATHLETE

Roosevelt Nix, DE, Kent State

Either at defensive end or tackle, Nix is disruptive.

► BEST UNDER PRESSURE

Chandler Harnish, QB, Northern Illinois

He can make plays with his legs, but Harnish also completes 64.7 percent of his throws.

► TOP NFL PROSPECT

Scott Wedige, C, Northern Illinois

He's a big reason the Huskies ranked 14th for fewest sacks allowed in the NCAA last year.

► TOP IMPACT FROSH

Andre Sturdivant, DE, Toledo

The Rockets will return to the MAC elite with more players like Sturdivant on the roster.



WOODS

► HARDEST HITTER

Dwayne Woods, LB, Bowling Green

Ranked in the top 10 nationally with 134 tackles.

► BIGGEST OVERACHIEVER

Austin Boucher, QB, Miami (Ohio)

The RedHawks may have a quarterback controversy because Boucher stepped up his game.

► BEST INTERVIEW

Steven Means, DE, Buffalo

Promises to tone it down on the field, but remains a go-to guy for a quote.

► BEST COACH

Frank Solich, Ohio

The Bobcats have played in three bowl games over the last four seasons under Solich.

► BEST RECRUITER

Tim Beckman, Toledo

Beckman's name is hot because of his ability to land top-notch talent.

► BEST ROAD TRIP

Ohio

Chances are a party will break out somewhere on the Athens campus.

ALL-MAC

OFFENSE

| | |
|----|--|
| QB | Chandler Harnish, Sr., Northern Illinois |
| RB | Bernard Pierce, Jr., Temple |
| RB | Adonis Thomas, Sr., Toledo |
| RB | Eric Williams, Jr., Ball State |
| OL | Trevor Olson, Sr., Northern Illinois |
| OL | Brandon Brooks, Sr., Miami |
| OL | Scott Wedige, Sr., Northern Illinois |
| OL | Brian Winters, Jr., Kent State |
| OL | Joe Flading, Jr., Ohio |
| WR | Eric Page, Sr., Toledo |
| WR | Jordan White, Sr., Western Michigan |

DEFENSE

| | |
|----|--------------------------------------|
| DL | Sean Progar, Jr., Northern Illinois |
| DL | Roosevelt Nix, So., Kent State |
| DL | Austin Brown, Jr., Miami |
| DL | T.J. Fatinikun, Jr., Toledo |
| LB | Adrian Robinson, Sr., Temple |
| LB | Dwayne Woods, Jr., Bowling Green |
| LB | Khalil Mack, So., Buffalo |
| DB | Jason Pinkston, Jr., Ball State |
| DB | Lewis Toler, So., Western Michigan |
| DB | Sean Baker, Sr., Ball State |
| DB | Jahleel Addae, Jr., Central Michigan |

SPECIALISTS

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| K | John Potter, Sr., Western Michigan |
| P | Paul Hershey, Sr., Ohio |

ERIC PAGE



RECRUITING ROUNDUP

by Brian McLaughlin, *Sporting News*

1 ► TOLEDO The Rockets nabbed one of the top non-BCS recruits in the nation when DE Andre Sturdivant signed on.

2 ► BOWLING GREEN The signings of Florida WR Chris Gallon and Connecticut QB Malik Stokes were the highlights.

3 ► OHIO The gem of the class was California OL Jacob Welter, who brings his 6-5, 300-pound frame halfway across the country to the Bobcats.

4 ► NORTHERN ILLINOIS The Huskies dropped into south Florida and nabbed ultra-productive prep widout A.J. Sebastian.

5 ► CENTRAL MICHIGAN The Chippewas gained a real sleeper prospect when LB Tim Hamilton came aboard.

6 ► AKRON Quarterback Kyle Pohl has the size (6-3, 205) to grow into a special quarterback for the Zips.

7 ► TEMPLE Pro-style QB Clint Granger, who arrives from the junior college ranks, could put up huge numbers.

8 ► WESTERN MICHIGAN Two of the Broncos' top kids were skill-position players from south Florida—always a good thing.

9 ► KENT STATE Running back Trayion Durham, who was once a Wisconsin commitment, was the prize catch.

10 ► BALL STATE Offensive tackle Jalen Schlachter was receiving Big Ten looks, but ultimately signed with the Cardinals.

11 ► BUFFALO Defensive tackle Kendall Patterson is from a great prep program and was receiving serious BCS attention.

12 ► MIAMI (OHIO) The RedHawks raided New Orleans for LB Timothy Johnson, who could prove to be a real steal.

13 ► EASTERN MICHIGAN The player to watch among the 19 coming is DB Sean Cotton out of Illinois.

ASCENDING

TOLEDO

TOLEDO The Rockets had an 8-5 record last year, the program's first winning season since 2005. The next step could be a MAC championship.

DESCENDING

BALL STATE

BALL STATE Since finishing the 2008 regular season undefeated, the Cardinals have won just six games. The firing of Stan Parrish signals another year of rebuilding.

TEMPEL

MAC EAST

OWLS

Temple was once the laughingstock of college football until Al Golden changed the culture and transformed the program. Golden will try to do the same thing at Miami (Fla.) and leaves Temple in the capable hands of Steve Addazio.

Landing Addazio is an indication of how far the Temple program has come. Addazio is the former offensive coordinator at Florida and is known for his imagination on offense and intensity on the recruiting trail.

Addazio's recruiting touch was evident in February when he signed a 21-man class that included junior college transfer Clinton "Juice" Granger. Addazio wants to utilize the spread option like he did with the Gators, and Granger is perfectly suited to trigger the scheme.

A native of Philadelphia, Granger has the size (6-3) and athletic ability to turn Temple's one-dimensional offense into something special. Granger, who has three years of eligibility remaining, figures to stabilize a quarterback position that was iffy for the entire Golden era.

The inconsistent play behind center was the primary reason the Owls failed to win the MAC championship under Golden. The returning quarterbacks from last year are junior Mike Gerardi and senior Chester Stewart. A former walk-on, Gerardi finished 2010 with 93 passes for 1,290 yards and 10 touchdowns in five starts. Stewart, a junior, started the first seven games and had 72 passes for 842 yards and four touchdowns. But if Granger is turned loose, the Owls could get over the hump.

Another key is the health of tailback Bernard Pierce, whose last two seasons have been cut short by injury. Matt Brown was competing with him for the starting tailback spot during spring practice, with junior Ahkeem Smith behind them. Smith played in 11 games last fall and should see similar time, though redshirt freshman Myron Myles may also get a chance. The talented offensive line has six players with starting experience, while a pair of NFL-ready tight ends in Evan Rodriguez and Alex Jackson shore up the arsenal.

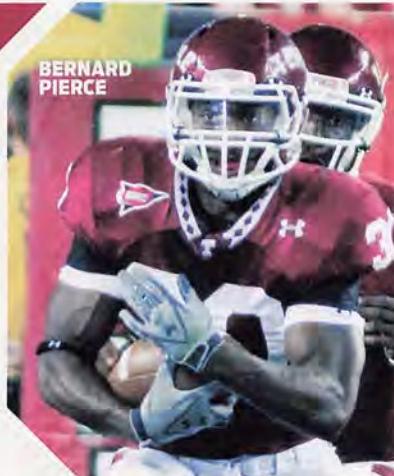
The defense has to reload after losing four All-MAC selections in tackles Muhammad Wilkerson and Elisha Joseph, middle linebacker Peanut Joseph and free safety Jaiquawn Jarrett. But first-year coordinator Chuck Heater has a nice building block in defensive end Adrian Robinson. The 2009 MAC Defensive Player of the Year had 38 tackles and 3.5 sacks as a junior.

The Owls' secondary is loaded with senior Kevin Kroboth and junior Justin Gildea, who will again split time at strong safety. Senior Deonte Parker will fill the role at free safety that was vacated by Jarrett. Senior Kee-ayre Griffin and junior Maurice Jones return at corner.

GAME-CHANGER

Bernard Pierce, RB

It's all about staying healthy for Pierce. Temple has proved it can win without him—just not a conference championship.



PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| QB | Clinton Granger (6-3, 230, So.) |
| RB | 30 Bernard Pierce (6-0, 218, Jr.) |
| LOT | 63 Derek Dennis (6-5, 328, Sr.) |
| LOG | 76 Steve Caputo (6-5, 320, Sr.) |
| C | 77 John Palumbo (6-6, 312, Sr.) |
| ROG | 79 Pat Boyle (6-5, 320, Sr.) |
| ROT | 66 Darryl Pringle (6-6, 327, So.) |
| TE | 88 Evan Rodriguez (6-3, 250, Sr.) |
| WR | 87 Ryan Alderman (5-9, 170, So.) |
| WR | 26 Joe Jones (5-11, 195, Sr.) |
| WR | 18 Rod Streeter (6-4, 196, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | |
|-----|--------------------------------------|
| LDE | 43 Adrian Robinson (6-2, 250, Sr.) |
| LDT | 92 Shahid Paulhill (6-3, 300, So.) |
| RDT | 94 Kadeem Custis (6-4, 295, Jr.) |
| RDE | 93 Kamal Johnson (6-4, 285, So.) |
| SLB | 2 Tahir Whitehead (6-2, 228, Sr.) |
| MLB | 53 Stephen Johnson (6-1, 230, Sr.) |
| WLB | 32 Quinten White (6-3, 218, Sr.) |
| LCB | 20 Kee-ayre Griffin (5-11, 188, Sr.) |
| RCB | 16 Maurice Jones (5-10, 195, Jr.) |
| FS | 25 Deonte Parker (5-11, 190, Sr.) |
| SS | 37 Kevin Kroboth (6-0, 198, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| K | 19 Brandon McManus (6-3, 190, Jr.) |
| P | 19 Brandon McManus (6-3, 190, Jr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| S.1 | Villanova | 31-24 |
| S.10 | @AKRON | 30-0 |
| S.17 | Penn State | 13-22 |
| S.24 | @MARYLAND | |
| O.1 | Toledo | |
| O.8 | @BALL STATE | |
| O.15 | Buffalo | 42-0 |
| O.22 | @BOWLING GREEN | 28-27 |
| N.2 | @OHIO | 23-31 |
| N.9 | Miami (Ohio) | 3-23 |
| N.19 | Army | 42-35 |
| N.25 | Kent State | 28-10 |

COACH

Steve Addazio
1st year

Offensive coordinator:

Scot Loeffler (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Chuck Heater (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 8-4 MAC: 5-3

Stadium: Lincoln Financial Field

(68,532)

Tickets: 215-204-8499

Site: Philadelphia

Official athletic Web site:

www.owlsparts.com

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ► Hershey Walton: DT, 6-4, 320

Walton, from Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia, was one of the top prep school defensive tackles in the 2011 class.

2 ► Robbie Anderson: WR, 6-2, 160

The Owls went into south Florida to land Anderson out of South Broward. Anderson was previously committed to Western Michigan before switching to Temple.

3 ► Antonio Belt: WR, 6-0, 180

Like Hershey Walton, Belt spent the 2010 season at Fork Union Military Academy. A native of Forestville, Md., Belt signed with Temple out of high school.

4 ► Tyrone Harris: WR, 6-4, 205

A native of Lindenwold, N.J., Harris showed big-time potential in the juco ranks at Pierce College in Woodland Hills, Calif. He has excellent size and hands and displays great elusiveness in the open field.

5 ► Khadeem Wilson: DE, 6-4, 240

Wilson, from St. Anthony in Jersey City, N.J., was the first prospect from his high school to sign a Division I football scholarship.

MIAMI (OHIO)

REDHAWKS

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MAC EAST

The RedHawks pulled off one of the biggest turnarounds in college football history last season, going from 1-11 in 2009 to the MAC title last year.

Top that, first-year coach Don Treadwell.

Former coach Mike

Haywood left Treadwell plenty of talent to make another run at the conference championship. While last year's team entered the season with little fanfare, the expectations are high this time around.

Treadwell's honeymoon period won't last long, however, as his first priority is finding a quarterback. At least he has two who are capable of winning. Junior Zac Dysert opened last year as the starter before going down with a season-ending injury. Then Austin Boucher stepped in and took the RedHawks to a MAC Championship victory over favored Northern Illinois and then to a win in the GoDaddy.com Bowl. The two QBs were neck-and-neck well into spring practice, and the starter likely won't be determined until after training camp in August.

Whoever wins the job will have a top-notch target in sophomore wide receiver Nick Harwell, who finished with 64 receptions for 871 yards and tied for the team lead with six touchdown catches. Harwell's 11-reception, 219-yard game against Ohio dropped hints of his potential.

Miami will miss tailback Thomas Merriweather, who rushed for 921 yards and scored 12 touchdowns. Either Tracy Woods or Danny Green will replace him.

Linebacker Jerrell Wedge (110 tackles) will form the nucleus of the defense.

COACHES

Coach: Don Treadwell, 1st year

Offensive coordinator: John Klacik (1st year)

Defensive coordinator: Pete Rekstis (1st year)

**FAST FACTS**

2010 RECORD: 10-4 MAC: 7-1

(beat Middle Tennessee State in the GoDaddy.com Bowl, 35-21)

Stadium: Yager Stadium (24,286)

Tickets: 866-MUHAWKS Site: Oxford, Ohio

Official athletic Web site: www.muredhawks.com**SCHEDULE****DATE OPPONENT****5.3** @MISSOURI**5.17** @MINNESOTA**5.24** Bowling Green**0.1** Cincinnati**0.8** Army**0.15** @KENT STATE**0.22** @TOLEDO**0.29** Buffalo**N.3** Akron**N.9** @TEMPLE**N.16** Western Michigan**N.22** @OHIO**2**
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BOBCATS

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MAC EAST

Under Frank Solich, Ohio has reached the point where it is in contention for MAC championships and bowl bids each season. The Bobcats came close to reaching the title game last year, and expectations are high once again.

Eight starters return on offense, and the running game should purr with Donte Harden becoming the go-to tailback in place of Vince Davidson. He'll run behind an offensive line that returns five starters and features right tackle Joe Flading.

The passing game, however, needs work. Former quarterback Boo Jackson wasn't adept at passing, but he was better than Phil Bates, who is middling. It doesn't help that replacements have to be found for receivers Terrence McCrae and Steven Goulet. If Bates doesn't discover some kind of passing touch, opponents will load up and try to stop the run.

There's also the possibility of Bates moving to tailback or receiver, because Solich is high on the potential of sophomore Tyler Tettleton and redshirt freshman Kyle Snyder.

The Bobcats could have won the league if they had played better defense in 2010, but things aren't likely to improve this season.

The secondary isn't a concern, but the entire defensive front is gone and three defensive backs have to be replaced. It helps that linebacker Noah Keller, who missed all but three games last season because of a foot injury, is fully healthy.

COACHES

Coach: Frank Solich, 7th year (40-36)

Career record: 98-55

Offensive coordinator: T. Albin (7th year) and G. Gdowski (4th year)

Defensive coordinator: Jimmy Burrow (7th year)

**FAST FACTS**

2010 RECORD: 8-5 MAC: 6-2

(lost to Troy in the New Orleans Bowl, 48-21)

Stadium: Peden Stadium (24,000)

Tickets: 800-575-CATS Site: Athens

Official athletic Web site: www.ohiobobcats.com**4**
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ZIPS

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MAC EAST**SCHEDULE****DATE OPPONENT****S.3** @OHIO STATE**S.10** Temple**S.17** @CINCINNATI**S.24** VMI**0.1** @EASTERN MICHIGAN**0.8** Florida International**0.22** Ohio**0.29** Central Michigan**N.3** @MIAMI (Ohio)**N.12** Kent State**N.19** @BUFFALO**N.25** @WESTERN MICHIGAN

It's hard to image Rob Ianello's second season being worse than his first. Last year, Akron finished with a 1-11 record, beating only Buffalo in the season finale to avoid becoming the first winless team at the school since 1942. Still, the one-win season was the program's worst since Akron joined Division I in 1987.

The Zips return six starters on offense and seven on defense, led by quarterback Patrick Nicely, linebacker Brian Wagner and cornerback Manley Waller.

The lone returning quarterback from last year, Nicely struggled finding consistency due to a lack of playmakers and uneven play on the offensive line. He threw 13 interceptions and 10 touchdowns in 2010, but should be helped by the addition of several offensive linemen.

The losses, nevertheless, are devastating. Eighteen seniors departed, including the Zips' top two rushers and receivers and two offensive linemen who started all 47 games of their careers.

There were some players who showed promise during the offseason, namely linebackers Sheldon Miller and Jamar Williams and receiver Anthony Meriwether. Miller, who converted from safety, appeared in all 12 games in the secondary last season, while Williams, who redshirted in 2010, has been praised by Ianello for his instincts.

In the spring, Meriwether separated himself from the other wideouts trying to fill the voids left by Jeremy LaFrance and Jalil Carter, who finished first and second in receptions a year ago.

COACHES

Coach: Rob Ianello, 2nd year (1-11)

Career record: 1-11

Offensive coordinator: John Latina (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator: Kevin Cosgrove (1st year)

**FAST FACTS**

2010 RECORD: 1-11 MAC: 1-7

Stadium: InfoCision Stadium (30,000)

Tickets: 888-99-AKRON

Site: Akron, Ohio

Official athletic Web site: www.gozips.com

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BUFFALO BULLS

MAC EAST

The Bulls struggled with chemistry issues last season as the team adjusted from the tranquil Turner Gill to the fiery Jeff Quinn. While a winning season would have been a reach considering the inexperience of the offense, no one could have predicted a 2-10 finish.

Finding a quarterback is Quinn's first priority and, although sophomore Alex Zordich appears to be the frontrunner, junior Jerry Davis played well in the spring.

Quarterback was a primary weakness a year ago when the Bulls committed 33 turnovers (23 through the air), so Quinn is moving away from the pass-heavy spread to a more balanced scheme. Considering the Bulls are once again deep at tailback, it's a wise move. Branden Oliver, Jeffvon Gill and redshirt freshman James Potts are capable of 1,000-yard seasons, but the wild card is Brandon Murie, a walk-on who seems to be the best of the bunch. Two playmakers return at receiver in Marcus Rivers and Terrell Jackson.

The defense is strong with junior end Steven Means and sophomore linebacker Khalil Mack leading the way. The senior-laden secondary of Davonte Shannon, Domonic Cook, Josh Thomas and Sherrod Lott are all gone, but their replacements have talent. Carlos Lammons and Cincinnati transfer Romel Dismuke, both sophomores, are the likely starters at corner.

COACHES

Coach: Jeff Quinn, 2nd year (2-10)

Career record: 3-11

Offensive coordinator: Greg Forest (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator: William Inge (2nd year)



FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 2-10 MAC: 1-7

Stadium: University of Buffalo Stadium (29,013)

Tickets: 716-645-6666

Site: Buffalo, N.Y.

Official athletic Web site: www.buffalobulls.com

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BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

MAC EAST

The 10 losses by Bowling Green in 2010 were the most in school history, and the Falcons won only one game in conference play. When that happens, no one is guaranteed a job even though seven starters

return on each side of the ball.

While every player may have the sense of a lack of job security, there are some who will feel less pressure than others.

Linebacker Dwayne Woods, who ranked sixth nationally in tackles last season with 11.2 per game, looks to be safe, as does defensive tackle Chris Jones, whose 39 tackles last season included 11 for loss.

On offense, wide receivers Kamar Jorden (96 catches, 1,109 yards, 4 TDs) and Eugene Cooper shouldn't see much competition.

Third-year coach Dave Clawson wants to do a better job of running the ball this season, as the Falcons were the worst rushing team among FBS schools last year, averaging just 62.8 yards per game.

Meanwhile, the run defense didn't fare much better, yielding 207.4 yards a game, which ranked 112th nationally.

Also, there's a quarterback derby between Matt Schilz and Trent Hurley, a freshman who redshirted last season. Clawson doesn't anticipate naming a starter before fall camp, as the competition has produced a dead heat.

COACHES

Coach: Dave Clawson, 3rd year (9-16)

Career record: 9-16 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator: Warren Ruggiero (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator: Mike Elko (3rd year)



FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 2-10 MAC: 1-7

Stadium: Doyt L. Perry Stadium (23,529)

Tickets: 419-372-0000

Site: Bowling Green, Ohio

Official athletic Web site: www.bgsufalcons.com

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KENT STATE GOLDEN FLASHES

MAC EAST

Kent State has had nine coaches and only two winning seasons since 1980, and Doug Martin was fired after four consecutive losing campaigns. So new coach Darrell Hazell, a former Ohio State assistant, ushers in

yet another era that seems frozen in a rebuilding mode.

Martin left Hazell a great building block in sophomore tackle Roosevelt Nix, a battering ram who is already the league's best defensive player. Last season, he led the MAC in tackles for loss (20) and sacks (10), which tied for fourth and 11th, respectively, in the country. The MAC's 2010 Freshman and Defensive Player of the Year is probably the only team member guaranteed a starting position this fall.

Despite missing two All-MAC performers in safety Brian Lainhart and linebacker Cobrani Mixon, the defense should be good again. Last season, it ranked in the top 10 nationally and returns linebacker Luke Batton and cornerbacks Norman Wolfe and Josh Pleasant.

The offense is undergoing a complete overhaul, as the unit underachieved last year and was one of the MAC's worst in several key categories.

Spencer Keith appears to be the frontrunner at quarterback, but nothing is certain. Keith was woefully inconsistent due to a sprained thumb in 2010, but seems better suited for Hazell's spread offense, which calls for deep-play threats and utilizing shifty backs such as recruit Trayion Durham.



COACHES

Coach: Darrell Hazell, 1st year

Offensive coordinator: Brian Rock (1st year)

Defensive coordinator: Jon Heacock (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 5-7 MAC: 4-4

Stadium: Dix Stadium (29,287)

Tickets: 330-672-2244

Site: Kent, Ohio

Official athletic Web site: www.kentstatesports.com

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 12 | Chandler Harnish (6-2, 221, Sr.) |
| FB | 83 | Luke Eakes (6-4, 246, Fr.) |
| RB | 25 | Jasmin Hopkins (5-9, 172, Sr.) |
| LOT | 62 | Trevor Olson (6-6, 202, Sr.) |
| LOG | 70 | Logan Pegram (6-3, 309, Jr.) |
| C | 71 | Scott Wedige (6-4, 314, Sr.) |
| ROG | 72 | Joe Pawlak (6-5, 301, Sr.) |
| ROT | 68 | Keith Otis (6-4, 327, Sr.) |
| TE | 89 | Jack Marks (6-6, 247, Sr.) |
| WR | 10 | Willie Clark (6-1, 210, Sr.) |
| WR | 1 | Martel Moore (6-2, 182, Jr.) |

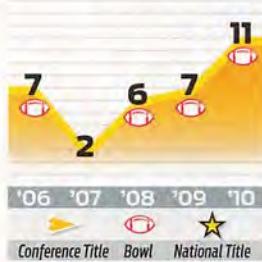
DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 97 | Joe Windsor (6-1, 236, So.) |
| NG | 99 | Nabul Jefferson (5-11, 287, Jr.) |
| DT | 96 | Ron Newcomb (6-3, 286, Sr.) |
| RDE | 95 | Sean Progar (6-3, 260, Jr.) |
| SLB | 29 | Jordan Delegal (6-1, 210, Sr.) |
| MLB | 40 | Victor Jacques (6-1, 225, Jr.) |
| WLB | 53 | Pat Schiller (6-2, 234, Sr.) |
| LCB | 11 | Rashaan Melvin (6-2, 186, Jr.) |
| RCB | 24 | Dominique Ware (6-0, 180, So.) |
| FS | 20 | Tommy Davis (5-11, 201, Jr.) |
| SS | 19 | Demetrius Stone (5-11, 199, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 99 | Mathew Sims (5-11, 180, Fr.) |
| P | 18 | Ryan Neir (6-3, 206, Jr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Jamal Womble: RB, 5-10, 235

Womble, who signed with North Carolina out of high school, comes to DeKalb from Hutchinson Community College in Kansas. This bowling ball-type back is elusive for his size. He averaged almost six yards per carry last season.

2 ▶ A.J. Sebastian: WR, 6-0, 180

Sebastian may end up being one of the great catches of the 2011 cycle. The North Broward (Fla.) Prep product is an advanced route-runner with elite hands.

3 ▶ Khambrel Garland: S, 6-0, 170

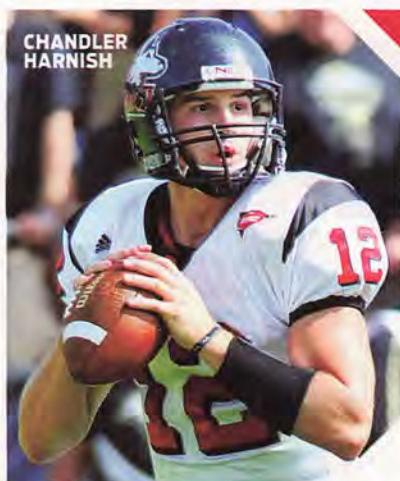
Garland, from storied St. Thomas Aquinas in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is a good-sized secondary prospect. Garland has athleticism and a lot of upside, and he should end up contributing early.

4 ▶ Mason Fuller: DT, 6-3, 294

Fuller, of Chicago, had interest from Illinois and others before deciding on the Huskies. He was known as a prospect on the rise during the recruiting cycle.

5 ▶ Tyler Wedel: K, 6-0, 180

Wedel, from McFarland (Wis.) High, played quarterback and defensive back in high school.



HUSKIES

MAC WEST

With Jerry Kill off to Minnesota, the Northern Illinois program now belongs to Dave Doeren, the former defensive coordinator at Wisconsin. But Huskies fans shouldn't expect a big shift in philosophy. Because of Doeren's background, the defense will continue to strike fear in MAC opponents while the running game will still produce yards.

What Kill didn't do before leaving was win a MAC championship, although the Huskies were favored before losing in the final minute to Miami. Many believe Doeren will take the program to another level with the talent Kill left behind.

With nine starters returning on offense, including first-team All-MAC quarterback Chandler Harnish, and some promising young players ready to step up on defense, expectations are high once again. Anything less than a MAC championship will be a disappointment, and it should be.

"We're here to win games," Doeren says. "We're here to play and do everything we can as competitors to make it the best football team we can. When you're in the position we are, as far as BCS, non-BCS, those are the teams you want to emulate right now."

"So, there's no doubt this program wants people to talk about us on Saturdays as the next giant-killer. We want to be in those situations."

Harnish, one of the best players in school history, is a dual-threat QB who will take on a bigger leadership role in his final season. Following the graduation of Chad Spann, Jasmin Hopkins steps in at tailback. Hopkins rushed for 366 yards last year and proved he could run the ball just as well as he could catch it. Expect him to become a bigger part of the offense in 2011.

On defense, the Huskies return just four starters from a unit that led the MAC in points allowed and was 26th in the nation in total defense a year ago. The defensive front needs the most help, though the secondary loses three starters and will need an injection of talent.

End Sean Progar might be the best in the league, but NIU will miss linebacker Tyrone Clark, who had a breakout 2010 season but left the team for personal reasons. Finding a lockdown corner would be nice, but Tommy Davis, who shined on special teams in 2010, looks ready to step up at free safety.

The Huskies lost several key players but the staff signed 22 recruits to fill the void, and several should receive significant playing time this fall. Tailback Jamal Womble will get a shot at some carries after a productive junior college career, while defensive end Cameron Clinton-Earl is a dominant pass rusher who could develop into a starter.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------------|-------------------|------------|
| 9/3 | Army | |
| 9/10 | @KANSAS | |
| 9/17 | Wisconsin* | |
| 9/24 | Cal Poly | |
| 10/1 | @CENTRAL MICHIGAN | 33-7 |
| 10/8 | Kent State | |
| 10/15 | Western Michigan | 28-21 |
| 10/22 | @BUFFALO | 45-14 |
| 10/29 | @TOLEDO | 65-30 |
| 11/5 | @BOWLING GREEN | 59-21 |
| 11/12 | Ball State | |
| 11/26 | Eastern Michigan | 71-3 |
| at Chicago | | |

COACH

Dave Doeren

1st year

Offensive coordinator:

Matt Canada (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Jay Niemann (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 11-3 MAC: 8-0

(beat Fresno State in the Humanitarian Bowl, 40-17)

Stadium: Huskie Stadium (24,000)

Tickets: 815-752-6800

Site: DeKalb

Official athletic website:

www.niuhuskies.com

GAME-CHANGER

Chandler Harnish, QB

The only thing missing from the impressive résumé of Harnish is a conference championship, and with any luck, that could change this season.

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TOLEDO ROCKETS

MAC WEST

The Rockets should be among the favorites to win the MAC West in 2011. Last season was supposed to be a rebuilding year, but Toledo finished 8-5 and now is looking for more. With nine starters returning on offense and eight back on defense, expectations are soaring.

Toledo was tops in the league in turnover margin in 2010 and should be a nightmare with three holdovers from the defensive front. The secondary returns three starters.

Of course, there's nothing like a quarterback controversy to get the blood flowing. Junior Austin Dantin was the starter for the first nine games a year ago, but a shoulder injury knocked him out of the picture and allowed sophomore Terrance Owens to take the reins. Owens won three of four games to end the season, and played in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl loss to Florida International. Nothing was decided in the spring.

Whoever gets the ball will have to make sure wide receiver, kick returner and overall headache-inducer Eric Page gets plenty of touches. An All-American as a return man, Page was the only player in the country to return three kicks for touchdowns in 2010.

At tailback, New Jersey native Adonis Thomas returns after ranking second in the MAC in rushing with 1,098 yards, averaging 6.3 yards per carry.

Defensively, the Rockets are strong up front with junior All-MAC end T.J. Fatinikun and seniors Malcolm Riley and Johnnie Roberts. Holes exist in the pass defense, where Toledo allowed 231.3 yards per game in the air last year.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| S.1 | New Hampshire | |
| S.10 | @OHIO STATE | |
| S.17 | Boise State | 14-57 |
| S.24 | @SYRACUSE | |
| O.1 | @TEMPLE | |
| O.8 | Eastern Michigan | 42-7 |
| O.15 | @BOWLING GREEN | 33-14 |
| O.22 | Miami (Ohio) | |
| N.1 | Northern Illinois | 30-65 |
| N.8 | Western Michigan | 37-24 |
| N.15 | @CENTRAL MICHIGAN | 42-31 |
| N.25 | @BALL STATE | 31-24 |

COACHES

Coach: Tim Beckman, 3rd year (13-12)
Career record: 13-12
Offensive coordinator: Matt Campbell (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Mike Ward (3rd year) and Paul Nichols (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 8-5 **MAC:** 7-1
(lost to Florida International in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl, 34-32)
Stadium: Glass Bowl (26,748)
Tickets: 419-530-GOLD
Site: Toledo, Ohio
Official athletic Web site: www.utrockets.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB 2 Terrance Owens (6-4, 180, So.)
RB 24 Adonis Thomas (5-10, 185, Sr.)
LOT 74 Mike VanDerMeulen (6-7, 304, Sr.)
LOG 78 Phillipkeith Manley (6-5, 309, Sr.)
C 75 Greg Mancz (6-5, 280, Fr.)
ROG 67 Zac Kerin (6-5, 294, So.)
ROT 72 John Moroookian (6-5, 301, Sr.)
TE 9 Danny Noble (6-5, 233, Sr.)
WR 80 Tim Cortazzo (6-1, 198, Sr.)
WR 11 Bernard Reedy (5-9, 175, So.)
WR 12 Eric Page (5-10, 180, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE 97 Malcolm Riley (6-3, 281, Sr.)
LDT 94 Johnnie Roberts (6-3, 280, Sr.)
RDT 52 Jonnathan Lamb (6-4, 285, Sr.)
RDE 23 T.J. Fatinikun (6-2, 245, Jr.)
SLB 10 Charles Rancifer (6-3, 217, Sr.)
MLB 32 Dan Molls (6-1, 222, Jr.)
WLB 38 Robert Bell (6-0, 227, Jr.)
FCB 2 Taikwon Paige (5-11, 185, Sr.)
BCB 3 Desmond Marrow (6-3, 210, Sr.)
FS 43 Mark Singer (6-1, 194, Sr.)
SS 29 Jermaine Robinson (6-3, 188, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K 2 Bill Claus (6-0, 189, Sr.)
P 35 Vince Penza (6-1, 201, So.)

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WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS

MAC WEST

Things are looking up again for the Broncos. The defense comes back awash with experience and, while the offense was in good hands with quarterback Alex Carder, it received a much-needed jolt when top receiver Jordan White was given a sixth year of eligibility after he missed all of 2006 and '08 with a knee injury.

White set the school record with 1,378 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. And considering Juan Nunez and his 91 catches and 10 touchdowns have departed, the Broncos need White in the lineup. With Carder and White, it's easy for Western Michigan to lean on its jazzy passing attack, but it would be a big plus if Brian Fields and Aaron Winchester can run more after the Broncos averaged a mere 125.9 yards per game in 2010.

While Western Michigan has been solid over the last several seasons, it's been a long time since it was a contender in the league race. Six wins last year was better than anticipated, but to play for the MAC West crown, the team has to get more from its offense while the defense must find a way to sack the quarterback.

Nine defensive starters return, including All-MAC cornerback Lewis Toler. The staff is excited about defensive tackle Damian Thomas, who should fit in with returnees Travonte Boles and Drew Nowak to comprise a solid inside rotation.

Replacements, however, have to be found for linebacker Jamail Berry and strong safety Mario Armstrong, who finished second and third, respectively, in tackles last year.

With the exception of a home contest against Nicholls State, the nonconference slate will be tough with road games at Michigan, Illinois and Connecticut.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------|------------|
| S.3 | @MICHIGAN | |
| S.10 | Nicholls State | 49-14 |
| S.17 | Central Michigan | 22-26 |
| S.24 | @ILLINOIS | |
| O.1 | @CONNECTICUT | |
| O.8 | Bowling Green | 41-7 |
| O.15 | @NORTHERN ILLINOIS | 21-28 |
| O.22 | @EASTERN MICHIGAN | 45-30 |
| O.29 | Ball State | 45-16 |
| N.8 | @TOLEDO | 24-37 |
| N.16 | @MIAMI (Ohio) | |
| N.25 | Akron | 56-10 |

COACHES

Coach: Bill Cubit, 7th year (40-33)
Career record: 40-33
Offensive coordinator: Bill Cubit (7th year)
Defensive coordinator: Dave Cohen (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 6-6 **MAC:** 5-3
Stadium: Waldo Stadium (30,200)
Tickets: 269-387-8092
Site: Kalamazoo
Official athletic Web site: www.wmbroncos.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB 14 Alex Carder (6-2, 224, Jr.)
RB 20 Brian Fields (5-9, 203, So.)
LOT 73 Greg Peterson (6-5, 286, So.)
LOG 72 Anthony Parker (6-5, 325, Sr.)
C 62 Kevin Galeher (6-4, 312, Jr.)
ROG 67 Terry Davisson (6-6, 296, So.)
ROT 68 Dann O'Neill (6-8, 307, Jr.)
TE 11 Dallas Walker (6-6, 235, Sr.)
WR 8 Ansel Ponder (6-1, 218, Jr.)
WR 83 Jordan White (6-0, 215, Sr.)
WR 12 Robert Arneim (5-11, 207, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE 97 Freddie Bishop (6-4, 253, Jr.)
LDT 55 Travonte Boles (5-11, 303, So.)
RDT 92 Drew Nowak (6-4, 292, Sr.)
RDE 99 Paul Hazel (6-5, 210, Jr.)
MIKE 47 Mitch Zajac (6-1, 229, Sr.)
WILL 51 Dezmond Bozemian (6-0, 227, So.)
ROV 3 Johnnie Simon (6-0, 180, So.)
FBC 24 Lewis Toler (5-10, 172, So.)
BBC 16 Garrett Smith (5-9, 170, Fr.)
FS 2 Demetrius Pettway (5-10, 188, So.)
SS 1 Doug Wiggins (5-10, 209, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K 17 John Potter (6-2, 182, Sr.)
P 37 Ben Armer (5-11, 224, Sr.)

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPEWAS

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MAC WEST

EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES

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MAC WEST

BALL STATE CARDINALS

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MAC WEST

Central Michigan coach Dan Enos endured a difficult first season, as the Chippewas were unable to overcome the losses of quarterback Dan LeFevour and wide receiver/return man Antonio Brown. Enos' objective now is to get more from the passing game as well as the defensive line, whose play was the biggest disappointment of the season.

The passing game wasn't a total disaster but the running game was awful, as the unit lacked consistency. The Chippewas will have to hope QB Ryan Radcliff can improve his efficiency and that a tailback steps up in production.

Paris Cotton was the leading rusher in 2010 but averaged just 59.2 yards per game, which won't secure him the spot for 2011. Look for strong competition going into the fall.

Receiver Cody Wilson's breakout season was a nice surprise for the Chippewas in 2010. He caught a team-high 83 passes for 1,137 yards and five touchdowns, and should expect more double teams this time around. Central Michigan needs a few more playmakers on both sides of the ball.

Matt Berning and Nick Bellore were valuable defenders who will be missed. A new crop of defensive players will need to step up early and lessen the void.

Considering the fine-line Chippewas lost five games by seven points or less, having a poor turnover margin will lead to another disappointing season. Limiting turnovers will be critical to a successful season.

COACHES

Coach: Dan Enos, 2nd year (3-9)

Career record: 3-9

Offensive coordinator: Mike Cummings (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator: Joe Tumpkin (2nd year)



FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 3-9 MAC: 2-6

Stadium: Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)

Tickets: 989-774-3045

Site: Mount Pleasant

Official athletic Web site: www.cmuchippewas.com

SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT

- S.1** South Carolina State
- S.10** @KENTUCKY
- S.17** @WESTERN MICHIGAN
- S.24** @MICHIGAN STATE
- 0.1** Northern Illinois
- 0.8** @N.C. STATE
- 0.15** Eastern Michigan
- 0.22** @BALL STATE
- 0.29** @AKRON
- N.4** @KENT STATE
- N.10** Ohio
- N.18** Toledo

Well, at least there was some improvement at Eastern Michigan last season. The Eagles went 0-12 in Ron English's first campaign and finished 2-10 last season. That's cause for some celebration, but Eastern Michigan still seems light years away from becoming respectable in the MAC.

The team hasn't shown much pride on either side of the ball, and the defense has been especially horrendous. The Eagles finished last in the MAC in total defense, run defense, scoring defense and sacks, among other categories, last season.

To aid the failing unit, English signed a significant recruit in safety Sean Cotton, who drew interest from Purdue, Michigan State, Indiana, Northwestern and Minnesota. Cotton will help, but the Eagles also need improvement from defensive ends Kalonji Kashama and Javon Reese, who must generate a better pass rush.

Dual-threat quarterback Alex Gillett got tossed into the fray as a sophomore and progressed steadily throughout the season. Wide receiver Kinsman Thomas will be asked to double his production of 26 receptions for 473 yards from last year.

It will be interesting to see where English plays Corey Welch. The 5-9 spark plug finished fourth in the MAC in kickoff returns last year, averaging 20.8 yards per return. He could see playing time this season as a slot receiver or tailback.

COACHES

Coach: Ron English, 3rd year (2-22)

Career record: 2-22

Offensive coordinator: Ken Karcher (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator: Phil Snow (2nd year)



FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 2-10 MAC: 2-6

Stadium: Rynearson Stadium (30,200)

Tickets: 734-487-2282

Site: Ypsilanti

Official athletic Web site: www.emueagles.com

SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT

- S.3** Howard
- S.10** Alabama State
- S.17** @MICHIGAN
- S.24** @PENN STATE
- 0.1** Akron
- 0.8** @TOLEDO
- 0.15** @CENTRAL MICHIGAN
- 0.22** Western Michigan
- N.5** Ball State
- N.12** Buffalo
- N.19** @KENT STATE
- N.25** @NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Brady Hoke proved to be a tough act to follow, and Ball State gave Stan Parrish only two years to see if he could do it before getting fired.

In a surprising move, the Cardinals hired Elon's Pete Lembo,

who is high on upgrading the talent level right away.

Lembo doesn't need a complete overhaul because there's more than enough experience and talent to work with, but changes are on the way. Elon was No. 2 in the FCS in passing offense last season, but it remains to be seen if sophomore Keith Wenning is the quarterback the new coaching staff wants, so Kelly Page will get a shot to win the job.

Nonetheless, Wenning is one of eight starters returning on both sides of the ball. Life would be easier with a better pass rush, which was a debacle last season as Ball State finished 12th in the MAC in both sacks and tackles for loss.

But the Cardinals still return ballhawking safety Derrick Henry and free safety Sean Baker, who already holds the school record for interceptions.

Punishing middle linebacker Travis Freeman, whose menacing sideline-to-sideline speed helped produce 202 tackles over the last two seasons, will also bring some talent to the defense.

The school didn't do Lembo any favors by scheduling Indiana, South Florida, Army and Oklahoma as nonconference opponents.



COACHES

Coach: Pete Lembo, 1st year

Offensive coordinator: Rich Skrosky (1st year)

Defensive coordinator: Jay Bateman (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 4-8 MAC: 3-5

Stadium: Scheumann Stadium (22,500)

Tickets: 765-285-1474

Site: Muncie, Ind.

Official athletic Web site: www.ballstatesports.com



PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

STOCK REPORT UP DOWN STEADY
BOWL PROJECTIONS

North

- 1** STANFORD
Rose Bowl
- 2** OREGON
Fiesta Bowl
- 3** OREGON STATE
Sun Bowl
- 4** WASHINGTON
- 5** CALIFORNIA
- 6** WASHINGTON STATE

South

- 1** UTAH
Holiday Bowl
- 2** ARIZONA STATE
Alamo Bowl
- 3** USC
- 4** ARIZONA
- 5** COLORADO
- 6** UCLA

TRENDING

1 The Pac-12 has an unprecedented stockpile of Heisman Trophy candidates in Stanford's Andrew Luck, Oregon's LaMichael James and Darron Thomas and USC's Matt Barkley.



ANDREW LUCK

As Luck would have it, newly configured Pac-12 features the country's best quarterbacks

By Jon Wilner *San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News*

The former Pacific-10 Conference has a new look and a new name this fall after a tumultuous offseason saw the league expand for the first time since 1978, with Colorado and Utah joining the fun.

The new Pacific-12 will look something like this:

- There will be two divisions of six teams, with the power centered in the North with Stanford and Oregon. But the South has more long-term potential because of the presence of the Los Angeles schools and their massive hometown recruiting base.
- The league will hold a championship game on the home field of the higher seed, which will be determined by the head-to-head result or, if that's not applicable, the BCS standings. The conference has left open the possibility of moving the title game to a neutral venue in the future, once the event becomes established.
- Instead of playing a true round-robin conference schedule, which was possible with 10 members, each team will have two division crossover games in league play. However, there's one exception: The four California schools will play each other every year.

Despite entering a new era, the league is

returning to its roots. Long considered the conference of quarterbacks, the Pac-12 will be just that this fall with Stanford's Andrew Luck, USC's Matt Barkley, Oregon's Darron Thomas and Arizona's Nick Foles. These four are considered some of the top college quarterbacks in the country. No other conference comes close to matching that array of elite quarterback talent.

Add Washington State's Jeff Tuel, Utah's Jordan Wynn, Colorado's Tyler Hansen, Arizona State's Brock Osweiler and Oregon State's Ryan Katz, and nine of the 12 teams appear to be set at the most important position. The situations at UCLA, California and Washington are chaotic, at best.

The deep lineup of experienced passers means there should be some high-powered offenses in the conference. So, expect more than a few 90-point games.

But the caliber of play may hinge on whether the teams with the best quarterbacks get solid play up front.

The heavy favorites, Stanford and Oregon, both lost three starters on the offensive line last year. So did USC and UCLA. Arizona lost five.

This means the best overall teams may not be those with the best quarterbacks, which will make the inaugural season of Pac-12 football somewhat unpredictable.

3 The league isn't just loaded at QB. The tailback position has five players who ran for 1,000 yards in 2010, including LaMichael James (Oregon) and Rodney Stewart (Colorado).

RATING THE PAC 12

► FASTEST RECEIVER

Randall Carroll, UCLA

Won the California state 100- and 200-meter titles in back-to-back years.

► BEST HANDS

Robert Woods, WR, USC

Woods has the best set of hands of any Pac-12 receiver in years.

► BEST PASSING QB

Andrew Luck, Stanford

Duh.

► BEST RUNNING QB

Andrew Luck, Stanford

Go to YouTube and type "Cattouse and Luck." ... See what we mean?

► MOST ELUSIVE RB

Dillon Baxter, USC

Cuts faster than most tailbacks run forward.

► BEST INSTINCTS

Andrew Luck, QB, Stanford

The son of former pro Oliver Luck, he understands the position like an NFL QB.

► BEST ATHLETE

Dillon Baxter, RB, USC

Reggie Bush comparisons are premature, but not inaccurate.

► BEST UNDER PRESSURE

Andrew Luck, QB, Stanford

He's better when the game is on the line than when it's not.

► TOP NFL PROSPECT

Andrew Luck, QB, Stanford

He would have been the first pick this year, and is a lock to go No. 1 next spring.

► TOP IMPACT FROSH

Austin Seferian-Jenkins, TE, Washington

The Huskies need a tight end, and he's ready to play.

► HARDEST HITTER

Vontaze Burfict, LB, Arizona State

He's also most likely to get called for a personal foul.

► BIGGEST OVERACHIEVER

Mike Remmers, OT, Oregon State

The former walk-on was an All-Pac-10 honorable-mention pick in 2010.

► BEST INTERVIEW

Mike Riley, Oregon State

He's insightful and honest—sometimes brutally so.

► BEST COACH

Chip Kelly, Oregon

He got two conference titles in two years and has an offense from the future.

► BEST RECRUITER

Jeff Tedford, California

Just signed a top-20 class and doesn't have NCAA investigators poking around.

► BEST ROAD TRIP

Stanford and California

This year, both schools give you access to San Francisco in its fall glory.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

By Brian McLaughlin, *Sporting News*



THOMAS

1 ► USC Losing DB/RB DeAnthony Thomas to Oregon hurt, but landing 30 signees and luring players such as LB Anthony Sarao away from other programs helped keep the Trojans on top in the Pac-12.

2 ► OREGON This Ducks class is loaded with speed from all over the country. Keep an eye on players such as wideouts Tacosi Sumler and Devon Blackmon.

3 ► WASHINGTON The Huskies' passing attack will be greatly aided by possession receiver Kasen Williams, who is a legacy signee.

4 ► CAL The Bears landed two great defensive tackles in Viliami Moala and Mustafa "Moose" Jalil. They'll be wrecking balls for Cal, and soon.

5 ► STANFORD The coaching change hurt the program a bit, but this was still a solid group, with DB Wayne Lyons being the jewel.

6 ► OREGON STATE The Beavers inked 25 recruits, with 12 of them from California. Defensive end Dylan Wynn is one of those special Californians.

7 ► UTAH The Utes managed to outperform several more established BCS schools in recruiting, and kept star RB Harvey Langi close to home.

8 ► ARIZONA STATE The Sun Devils signed 20 players, and got a nice QB in California product Michael Eubank.

9 ► UCLA It was a quiet recruiting year for the Bruins, but landing QB Brett Hundley and DT Kevin McReynolds down the stretch helped salvage things.

10 ► COLORADO With the coaching transition, things weren't easy, but players like LB Brady Daigh give fans something to look forward to.

11 ► ARIZONA The Wildcats and Arizona State struggled to keep in-state talent close to home, but Arizona did manage to nab Dallas LB Rob Hankins.

12 ► WASHINGTON STATE Losing its prized recruit, RB Bishop Sankey, to Washington a week before Signing Day really hurt.

ALL-PAC-12

OFFENSE

QB Andrew Luck, Jr., Stanford

RB LaMichael James, Jr., Oregon

RB Chris Polk, Jr., Washington

RB Stefan Taylor, Jr., Stanford

DL Jonathan Martin, Sr., Stanford

DL Khaled Holmes, Jr., USC

DL Mitchell Schwartz, Sr., Cal

DL David DeCastro, Sr., Stanford

DL Ryan Miller, Sr., Colorado

WR Juron Criner, Sr., Arizona

WR Jermaine Kearse, Sr., Washington

DEFENSE

DL Armond Armstead, Sr., USC

DL Junior Onyeali, So., Arizona State

DL Matt Masifilo, Sr., Stanford

DL Justin Washington, So., Arizona

LB Shayne Skov, Jr., Stanford

LB Vontaze Burfict, Jr., Arizona State

LB Chaz Walker, Sr., Utah

DB Cliff Harris, Jr., Oregon

DB Sean Cattouse, Sr., Cal

DB Lance Mitchell, Sr., Oregon State

DB Delano Howell, Sr., Stanford

SPECIALISTS

K Rob Beard, Jr., Oregon

P Bryan Anger, Sr., Cal



ASCENDING

ARIZONA STATE

 It may be fleeting, but the Sun Devils are on the upswing with returning starters at all but a handful of positions and the best defense in the conference.



DESCENDING

UCLA

 If the Bruins were a business, they'd need a government bailout after a poor 2010 season, a tumultuous offseason and little chance for improvement.

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STANFORD



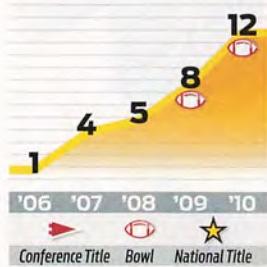
PAC-12 NORTH

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SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|-------|-------------------|------------|
| 9/3 | San Jose State | |
| 9/10 | @DUKE | |
| 9/17 | @ARIZONA | 42-17 |
| 9/24 | UCLA | 35-0 |
| 10/1 | Colorado | |
| 10/15 | @WASHINGTON STATE | 38-28 |
| 10/22 | Washington | 41-0 |
| 10/29 | @USC | 37-35 |
| 11/5 | @OREGON STATE | 38-0 |
| 11/12 | Oregon | 31-52 |
| 11/19 | California | 48-14 |
| 11/26 | Notre Dame | 37-14 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

David Shaw

1st year

Offensive coordinator:

Pep Hamilton (1st year)

Defensive coordinators:

Derek Mason (1st year) and Jason Tarver (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 12-1 **PAC-10:** 8-1

(beat Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl, 40-12)

Stadium: Stanford Stadium (50,000)**Tickets:** 800-STANFORD**Site:** Stanford, Calif.**Official athletic Web site:** www.gostanford.com

CARDINAL

ANDREW LUCK



The framework of Stanford's season was constructed within 24 hours in early January, when quarterback Andrew Luck announced he was staying and coach Jim Harbaugh announced he was leaving.

Luck's decision to return to school for his junior season—he likely would have been the first pick in the NFL draft—assured Stanford of being a top-10 team nationally and a favorite to win the first-ever Pac-12 championship.

But Harbaugh's decision the next day to coach the San Francisco 49ers created a sliver of doubt about the Cardinal's prospects for 2011.

Stanford should once again be formidable. But without Harbaugh and the super-sharp assistant coaches who accompanied him to the 49ers, there is some question as to whether Stanford will approach last season's success.

The Cardinal went 12-1, finished No. 4 in the country and demolished Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl.

"To think for a second that's it's going to

be easy, we'd be kidding ourselves," first-year coach David Shaw says. "Every team (in the league) has gotten better. It will be a challenge for us to stay close to the top."

Shaw isn't planning major changes to the playbook or the approach, although his even-keeled demeanor is different than Harbaugh's edgy, ultra-intense personality.

The real question is whether the Cardinal will feel the impact of losing associate head coach Greg Roman, whose behind-the-scenes contributions were invaluable to the high-powered offense, and Vic Fangio, the mastermind behind the defensive turnaround.

It helps that Stanford plays seven home games and that one of them is against Oregon, which visits Nov. 12 in what could be the Pac-12 game of the year.

It also helps that Shaw, a former Stanford player who served as Harbaugh's offensive coordinator, has the best player in the country at the most important position in the sport. And

if early reviews are any indication, Luck will be even better than last year's stellar 170.2 efficiency rating.

"We're asking him to be the player he was last year and be more of a leader and more control of the offense," Shaw says. "And he has been phenomenal ... He makes bad plays good and good plays great."

Luck will miss fullback Owen Marecic, whose blocking skills and physical play were the heart of the power running game. But there are plenty of options at tailback, where Stanford returns its top four rushers, including Stepfan Taylor (1,137 yards). The Cardinal also possess one of the best groups of tight ends in the country. Coby Fleener, who caught three touchdowns in the Orange Bowl, will have competition for the starting job from Levine Toilolo and Zach Ertz.

But for Stanford to replicate its 2010 success (40.3 points, 472.5 yards per game), the revamped offensive line must coalesce quickly and the unproven receivers much produce consistently. The Cardinal lost their top wideouts in Ryan Whalen and Doug Baldwin, who combined for 99 catches in 2010. Chris Owusu returns, but he's as likely to miss a game due to injury as he is to make a game-changing play. Remove Owusu from the mix, and the 2011 receivers had just 25 catches last season.

The line returns two first-team all-league honorees, Jonathan Martin (left tackle) and David DeCastro (right guard), but will miss All-American center Chase Beeler. Kevin Danser was impressive in spring practice and is the frontrunner at left guard.

There are even more questions on defense, where Stanford must replace two-thirds of its starting line, including underrated nose tackle Sione Fua. The top candidate to fill the hole in the middle is 295-pound junior Terrence Stephens, while Ben Gardner will step in opposite returnee Matthew Masifilo at end.

The strength of the unit will be the linebackers, led by junior Shayne Skov, an honorable-mention all-conference performer in 2010 and the emotional leader of the defense. Outside linebacker Chase Thomas is back as well, and will look to improve on his 2010 totals of 7.5 sacks and 11.5 tackles for loss. Max Bergen (inside) and either Alex DeBniak or Trent Murphy (outside) are the top candidates to join the first string.

The secondary has never been one of Stanford's strengths, but the unit made strides last season thanks to the play of safeties Delano Howell and Michael Thomas. They'll form one of the top tandems in the conference. There are questions at both corners, where Johnson Bademosi, Barry Browning and Terrence Brown will compete for the starting spots.

RECRUITING REPORT

Despite coach Jim Harbaugh leaving for the NFL's San Francisco 49ers, the Cardinal continue to recruit at a high level nationally. The best prospect in the class is running back Kelsey Young, a national top-100 prospect from the talent-rich greater Los Angeles area. Safety Wayne Lyons of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., had nearly 40 offers before picking Stanford. Linebacker James Vaughters (Tucker, Ga.) was an early commit and stuck with the Cardinal

through the coaching change. Cornerback Ronnie Harris (Atlanta) is a speedy player who has run the 40-yard dash in less than 4.4 seconds. Offensive linemen Brendon Austin (Parker, Colo.) and Kevin Reihner (Scranton, Pa.) were big national gets up front. Jumbo athlete Charlie Hopkins from Gonzaga Prep in Spokane, Wash., is a big, athletic prospect (6-6, 240) who could play on either side of the ball.

-JC Shurbutt, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

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|-----|----|--|
| QB | 12 | Andrew Luck (6-4, 235, Jr.) |
| | 6 | Josh Nunes (6-4, 211, So.) |
| FB | 85 | Ryan Hewitt (6-4, 238, So.) |
| | 10 | Geoff Meinken (6-4, 274, So.) |
| RB | 33 | Stepfan Taylor (5-11, 205, Jr.) |
| | 32 | Anthony Wilkerson (6-1, 220, So.) |
| LOT | 55 | Jonathan Martin (6-6, 304, Jr.) |
| | 54 | David Yankey (6-5, 302, Fr.) |
| LOG | 76 | Kevin Danser (6-6, 288, So.) |
| | 75 | Dillon Bonnell (6-4, 283, Fr.) |
| C | 65 | Khalil Wilkes (6-3, 287, So.) |
| | 64 | Sam Schwartzstein (6-3, 272, Jr.) |
| ROG | 52 | David DeCastro (6-5, 310, Jr.) |
| | 50 | Cole Underwood (6-4, 281, Fr.) |
| ROT | 77 | Tyler Mabry (6-7, 292, Sr.) |
| | 73 | Cameron Fleming (6-6, 289, Fr.) |
| TE | 82 | Coby Fleener (6-6, 244, Sr.) |
| | 86 | Zach Ertz (6-6, 249, So.) |
| WR | 81 | Chris Owusu (6-2, 200, Sr.) |
| | 21 | Jamal-Rashad Patterson (6-3, 205, Jr.) |
| WR | 17 | Griff Whalen (6-1, 185, Sr.) |
| | 4 | Drew Terrell (5-11, 180, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

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|------|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 98 | Matthew Masifilo (6-3, 280, Sr.) |
| | 90 | Josh Mauro (6-6, 264, So.) |
| NT | 99 | Terrence Stephens (6-2, 295, Jr.) |
| | 56 | Jacob Gowan (6-3, 284, So.) |
| RDE | 49 | Ben Gardner (6-4, 251, So.) |
| | 96 | Eddie Plantaric (6-5, 277, Fr.) |
| LOLB | 44 | Chase Thomas (6-4, 239, Jr.) |
| | 42 | Alex DeBniak (6-2, 233, Jr.) |
| LLB | 57 | Max Bergen (6-2, 227, Sr.) |
| | 17 | A.J. Tarpley (6-2, 221, Fr.) |
| RILB | 11 | Shayne Skov (6-3, 242, Jr.) |
| | 7 | Joe Hermanschot (6-1, 215, Fr.) |
| ROLB | 93 | Trent Murphy (6-6, 246, So.) |
| | 45 | Blake Lueders (6-5, 241, So.) |
| LCB | 31 | Barry Browning (6-1, 168, So.) |
| | 24 | Quinn Evans (5-10, 177, Jr.) |
| RCB | 27 | Johnson Bademosi (6-1, 197, Sr.) |
| | 28 | Harold Bernard (6-2, 186, Jr.) |
| FS | 26 | Delano Howell (5-11, 198, Sr.) |
| | 29 | Ed Reynolds (6-2, 194, So.) |
| SS | 3 | Michael Thomas (5-11, 182, Sr.) |
| | 5 | Devon Carrington (6-1, 192, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

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| K | 19 | Jordan Williamson (5-11, 170, Fr.) |
| P | 36 | Daniel Zychlinski (6-3, 222, Jr.) |

Sporting News All-American

GAME-CHANGER

Chris Owusu, WR

Stanford won't make the most of Andrew Luck's talents without a consistent playmaker on the perimeter. Owusu, who averaged 15.8 yards per catch last year, is the best candidate to fill the role, assuming he stays healthy following knee surgery in the offseason.

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

Rushing

| Andrew Luck | GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg/G |
|-------------|-------|-----------|-------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 13 | 170.2 | 372-263-8 | 70.7 | 3338 | 32 | 256.8 | |

RUSHING

| Stepfan Taylor | GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
|----------------|-----|------|-----|------|------|-------|
| 13 | 223 | 1137 | 5.1 | 15 | 87.5 | |

RECEIVING

| Coby Fleener | GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
|--------------|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|
| 13 | 28 | 434 | 15.5 | 7 | 33.4 | |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| Shayne Skov | GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
|-------------|----|------|--------|-------|
| 11 | 50 | 34 | 84 | |

SACKS

| Shayne Skov | GP | No. | Yards |
|-------------|-----|-----|-------|
| 11 | 7.5 | 51 | |

CHASE THOMAS

| Chase Thomas | GP | No. | Yards |
|--------------|-----|-----|-------|
| 13 | 7.5 | 56 | |

INTERCEPTIONS

| Delano Howell | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|---------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| 5 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 |

2010 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS STANFORD OPP

| SCORING | STANFORD | OPP | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| 524 | 226 | | | | | |
| Points Per Game | 40.3 | 17.4 | | | | |
| FIRST DOWNS | 316 | 241 | | | | |
| Rushing | 142 | 98 | | | | |
| Passing | 155 | 125 | | | | |
| Penalty | 19 | 18 | | | | |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2779 | 1571 | | | | |
| Yards gained rushing | 2933 | 1911 | | | | |
| Yards lost rushing | 154 | 340 | | | | |
| Rushing Attempts | 535 | 406 | | | | |
| Average Per Rush | 5.2 | 3.9 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 213.8 | 120.8 | | | | |
| TDs Rushing | 34 | 12 | | | | |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 3363 | 2626 | | | | |
| Att-Cmp-Int | 266-379-8 | 241-424-18 | | | | |
| Average Per Pass | 8.9 | 6.2 | | | | |
| Average Per Catch | 12.6 | 10.9 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 258.7 | 202.0 | | | | |
| TDs Passing | 32 | 16 | | | | |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 6142 | 4197 | | | | |
| Total Plays | 914 | 830 | | | | |
| Average Per Play | 6.7 | 5.1 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 472.5 | 322.8 | | | | |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 43-936 | 68-1487 | | | | |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 26-261 | 10-130 | | | | |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 18-153 | 8-67 | | | | |
| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
| Stanford | 152 | 149 | 114 | 109 | 0 | 524 |
| Opponent | 36 | 54 | 55 | 81 | 0 | 226 |

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PAC-12 NORTH



SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT '10 RESULT

| | | |
|------|------------------|-------|
| S.3 | LSU* | |
| S.10 | Nevada | |
| S.17 | Missouri State | |
| S.24 | @ARIZONA | 48-29 |
| O.6 | California | 15-13 |
| O.15 | Arizona State | 42-31 |
| O.22 | @COLORADO | |
| O.29 | Washington State | 43-23 |
| N.5 | @WASHINGTON | 53-16 |
| N.12 | @STANFORD | 52-31 |
| N.19 | USC | 53-32 |
| N.26 | Oregon State | 37-20 |

*at Arlington, Texas

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Chip Kelly

3rd year (22-4)

Career record: 22-4 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

Mark Helfrich (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Nick Aliotti (14th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 12-1 PAC-10: 9-0

(lost to Auburn in the BCS National Championship Game, 22-19)

Stadium: Autzen Stadium (54,000)**Tickets:** 800-WEB-FOOT**Site:** Eugene**Official athletic Web site:**

www.goducks.com

OREGON



DUCKS



DARRON THOMAS

Oregon's season could go two ways in 2011. The Ducks are under NCAA investigation for their recruiting practices—specifically, their dealings with Texas businessman Willie Lyles and his relationship with several Oregon players. If they aren't hit with major sanctions before the season opener, including the suspension of key players, then expect domination. Otherwise, Oregon could struggle in a strong North Division.

It's true. The Ducks did suffer significant losses at receiver and on both lines. They also lost several steady influences in the locker room. In November, they'll play Stanford on the road with the North title potentially on the line. And their spread-option attack becomes more familiar to opponents with each passing year.

But with coach Chip Kelly pulling the strings, quarterback Darron Thomas running the dynamic offense and LaMichael James carrying the ball, the Ducks will be one of the best teams in the country once again.

Whether they participate in another BCS bowl, and whether they score more than 19 points in that game, remain to be seen.

Unlike last season, when they opened against lowly New Mexico and then faced mediocre Tennessee, the Ducks won't have the luxury of easing into the season.

Their Week 1 opponent is LSU (in Arlington, Texas), and the winner will instantly become a BCS contender.

That means the Ducks must make the most of their training camp, blocking out all distractions, especially NCAA inquiries and stratospheric expectations among their rabid fans.

To help combat outside influences, Kelly appointed 16 squad leaders, players from each unit that he expects to take a leadership role.

At the same time, the offensive line must coalesce around guard Carson York and tackle Mark Asper and find a replacement for all-conference center Jordan Holmes.

If the line comes close to meeting the lofty,

punishing standard set last season, the Ducks should approach their otherworldly 2010 totals of 47 points and 530.7 yards per game.

In Thomas and James, they have two Heisman Trophy contenders in the same backfield.

Thomas, who passed for nearly 3,000 yards last season and rushed for almost 500, returns for his junior year as one of the best dual-threat quarterbacks in the country and master of the spread option.

James, who rushed for 1,731 yards and 21 touchdowns in 2010, is deceptively powerful and fantastic on third-and-short. Also, look for a steady dose of gifted reserve Kenjon Barner as a hybrid tailback/receiver.

David Paulson is a big-play tight end, so the situation at receiver isn't as troublesome as it may appear.

Yes, the Ducks lost all-league player Jeff Maehl and dependable D.J. Davis, who combined for 119 receptions. But the returnees include dynamic playmaker Josh Huff and 6-5 Lavasier Tuinei, who was third on the team with 36 catches last fall. They should be more than adequate in frontline roles.

The greatest concern comes along the defensive front seven. The Ducks lost three of four starting linemen and two of three starting linebackers, a departed quintet that included three all-league selections.

The anchor up front will be end Terrell Turner, who did not participate in spring practice because of an undisclosed injury, but is expected to be ready for the season.

He'll most likely be joined in the starting lineup by end Brandon Hanna and tackle Taylor Hart, a freakish athlete. Then there's 321-pound sophomore tackle Ricky Heimuli, who has been called a poor man's Haloti Ngata. So, the Ducks have plenty of options up front.

While Josh Kaddu mans the strongside position, Oregon must find new starters at the middle and weakside spots. Michael Clay is a good bet to fill the hole outside, as he was the top reserve linebacker last year. Dewitt Stuckey will likely start in the middle after Kiko Alonso was suspended in the offseason for the second straight year.

The secondary features two all-conference players in strong safety John Boyett and cornerback Cliff Harris. Harris is also a first-class punt returner.

Harris' running mate on the outside could be Anthony Gildon, who started six games last season but had injury trouble. Eddie Pleasant is back at free safety after making a successful transition last season from linebacker.

The Ducks are also set at kicker, where Rob Beard returns after making 10 of 13 field goals last season.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Ducks pulled one of the biggest surprises of the recruiting cycle when five-star athlete De'Anthony Thomas switched his commitment from USC to Oregon. Thomas has a higher ceiling at cornerback in terms of pro potential, but he's an outstanding fit in the Ducks' offense. Wide receiver Devon Blackmon out of Fontana, Calif., is a big play waiting to happen. He has outstanding hands and speed. Athlete Colt Lyerla (Hillsboro, Ore.) is a nasty, physical player who could help in a variety of ways.

Two of the top overall prospects in the state of Arizona—tackles Andre Yuretagoyena and Tyler Johnstone—signed with the Ducks. Oregon was active away from the West Coast as well, landing tight end/defensive end Christian French out of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, speed-merchant receiver Tacoi Sumler from Miami and linebacker Anthony Wallace of Skyline High in Dallas. The Ducks are also high on incoming quarterback Marcus Mariota (Honolulu).

—JC Shurburtt, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------------------|
| QB | 5 | Darron Thomas (6-3, 215, Jr.) |
| | 3 | Bryan Bennett (6-2, 183, Fr.) |
| RB | 21 | LaMichael James (5-9, 185, Jr.) |
| | 24 | Kenjon Barner (5-11, 180, Jr.) |
| LOT | 74 | Darrion Weems (6-5, 292, Sr.) |
| | 61 | Nick Cody (6-5, 296, Jr.) |
| LOG | 77 | Carson York (6-5, 285, Jr.) |
| | 63 | Manu Greig (5-11, 291, So.) |
| C | 78 | Karrington Armstrong (6-2, 260, So.) |
| | 55 | Hroniss Grasu (6-3, 278, Fr.) |
| ROG | 60 | Ryan Clanton (6-4, 295, Jr.) |
| | 70 | Ramsen Golpashin (6-4, 280, Sr.) |
| ROT | 79 | Mark Asper (6-7, 323, Sr.) |
| | 71 | Everett Benyard III (6-7, 325, So.) |
| TE | 42 | David Paulson (6-4, 250, Sr.) |
| | 87 | Brandon Williams (6-4, 226, Jr.) |
| WR | 1 | Josh Huff (5-11, 207, So.) |
| | 90 | Will Murphy (6-2, 183, Jr.) |
| WR | 81 | Justin Hoffman (6-1, 207, Jr.) |
| | 9 | Blake Cantu (6-0, 203, So.) |
| WR | 80 | Lavasier Tuinei (6-5, 216, Sr.) |
| | 7 | Keanon Lowe (5-9, 173, Fr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 45 | Terrell Turner (6-3, 273, Sr.) |
| | 96 | Dion Jordan (6-7, 231, Jr.) |
| LDT | 66 | Taylor Hart (6-6, 275, So.) |
| | 93 | Jared Ebert (6-5, 285, Jr.) |
| RDT | 90 | Ricky Heimuli (6-3, 321, So.) |
| | 92 | Wade Keliikipi (6-2, 289, So.) |
| RDE | 44 | Brandon Hanna (6-2, 240, Sr.) |
| | 91 | Tony Washington (6-3, 255, Fr.) |
| SLB | 56 | Josh Kaddu (6-3, 230, Sr.) |
| | 25 | Boseko Lokombo (6-3, 224, So.) |
| MLB | 52 | Dewitt Stuckey (5-11, 222, Sr.) |
| | 53 | Jennings Stewart (6-3, 217, Jr.) |
| WLB | 46 | Michael Clay (5-11, 220, Jr.) |
| | 40 | Blake Thompson (5-11, 230, Sr.) |
| LCB | 18 | Anthony Gildon (6-1, 180, Sr.) |
| | 12 | Brian Jackson (5-10, 192, So.) |
| RCB | 13 | Cliff Harris (5-11, 170, Jr.) |
| | 28 | Scott Grady (5-11, 180, Jr.) |
| FS | 11 | Eddie Pleasant (5-11, 213, Sr.) |
| | 4 | Erick Dargan (5-11, 206, Fr.) |
| SS | 20 | John Boyett (5-10, 198, Jr.) |
| | 17 | James Scales (5-10, 185, Fr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 93 | Rob Beard (6-0, 225, Jr.) |
| P | 48 | Jackson Rice (6-3, 225, Fr.) |

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2010 TEAM STATS

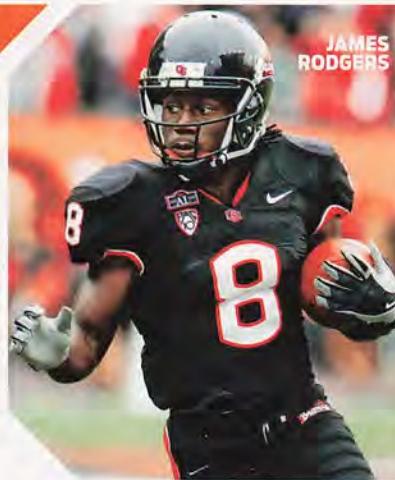
| TEAM STATISTICS | OREGON | OPP | TEAM STATISTICS | OREGON | OPP |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| SCORING | 611 | 243 | KICK RETURN AVG. | 21.4 | 19.3 |
| Points Per Game | 47.0 | 18.7 | PUNT RETURN AVG. | 17.0 | 9.2 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 345 | 255 | INT RETURN AVG. | 11.0 | 8.1 |
| Rushing | 186 | 87 | FUMBLES-LOST | 26-15 | 26-16 |
| Passing | 135 | 140 | PENALTIES-YARDS | 93-798 | 83-675 |
| Penalty | 24 | 28 | Average Per Game | 61.4 | 51.9 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 3721 | 1665 | PUNTS-YARDS | 43-1799 | 80-3424 |
| Yards gained rushing | 4033 | 2076 | Average Per Punt | 41.8 | 42.8 |
| Yards lost rushing | 312 | 411 | Net punt average | 37.9 | 33.6 |
| Rushing Attempts | 629 | 474 | TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 27:54 | 32:06 |
| Average Per Rush | 5.9 | 3.5 | 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 83/185 | 74/211 |
| Average Per Game | 286.2 | 128.1 | 3rd-Down Pct. | 45% | 35% |
| TDS Rushing | 42 | 11 | 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 22/34 | 5/22 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 3178 | 2833 | 4th-Down Pct. | 65% | 23% |
| Att-Comp-Int | 248-395-9 | 263-489-21 | SACKS BY-YARDS | 33-198 | 9-53 |
| Average Per Pass | 8.0 | 5.8 | MISC YARDS | 0 | 13 |
| Average Per Catch | 12.8 | 10.8 | TDS SCORED | 81 | 27 |
| Average Per Game | 244.5 | 217.9 | FG-ATTEMPTS | 13-17 | 17-21 |
| TDS Passing | 31 | 15 | PAT-ATTEMPTS | 72-73 | 24-24 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 6899 | 4498 | ATTENDANCE | 356387 | 388287 |
| Total Plays | 1024 | 963 | Games/Avg Per Game | 6/59398 | 6/64714 |
| Average Per Play | 6.7 | 4.7 | Neutral Site Games | 1/78603 | |
| Average Per Game | 530.7 | 346.0 | | | |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 46-984 | 95-1832 | | | |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 40-679 | 12-110 | | | |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 21-231 | 9-73 | | | |
| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT Total |
| Oregon | 120 | 206 | 162 | 123 | 0 611 |
| Opponent | 86 | 74 | 56 | 27 | 0 243 |

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OREGON STATE

PAC-12 NORTH

BEAVERS



For years, Oregon State has finished better than any team in the conference aside from USC.

No matter how dysfunctional the Beavers looked in September, they were a terror in the second half of the season.

That ended last year, when OSU lost four of its final five games and missed the postseason for the first time since 2005. Reclaiming the swagger won't be easy.

The Beavers once again face a difficult non-conference schedule, with BYU and Wisconsin replacing TCU and Boise State.

There's a hole in the backfield following star tailback Jacquizz Rodgers' decision to enter the NFL.

Also, the receiver spot is uncertain as playmaker James Rodgers attempts to return from major knee surgery.

Overall, the season is going to be tough for various reasons. The offensive line is unproven, the defensive line must be rebuilt following the departure of tackle Stephen Paea and the path to the Pac-12 North title is blocked by Oregon and Stanford.

It's hardly time to panic in Corvallis; Mike Riley is far too good a coach. But the Beavers have serious ground to cover if they're going to return to the top of the conference.

Much of that ground lies up front. The offensive line, a strength for many years, was OSU's weakest link in 2010. Four starters return, for better or worse.

Then there's the matter of replacing Jacquizz Rodgers, who rushed for 3,877 yards in three seasons. The top candidate is Ryan McCants, but he hardly dazzled in spring practice.

If James Rodgers returns from a knee injury that required two surgeries, the Beavers will be set at receiver. Markus Wheaton, who started nine games last fall, is a rising star.

Quarterback Ryan Katz has loads of potential—good mobility, football savvy and a rocket arm. But without solid play up front and a dependable tailback, it could be a rough season.

There are just as many questions on defense with the biggest being how the Beavers will replace three starters on the line, including Paea, their all-conference tackle.

End Dominic Glover has shown promise, but the key to the unit's success might be junior Castro Masanai, who missed spring practice because of a shoulder injury.

Only one starter returns at linebacker in middle man Rueben Robinson. But Cameron Collins and Michael Doctor should

provide stability. Defensive coordinator Mark Bunker, who worked with the secondary for years, has taken charge of the linebackers.

Safety Lance Mitchell and cornerback Brandon Hardin form a solid core in the secondary, but none of the other candidates at defensive back have any starting experience.

GAME-CHANGER

James Rodgers, WR

The versatile receiver suffered a serious knee injury in October. Two surgeries later, he's trying to reclaim his status as one of the league's top playmakers. If he's successful, the Beavers could be the league's biggest surprise. If he's not, OSU could struggle.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-------|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 12 | Ryan Katz (6-1, 212, Jr.) |
| RB | 24 | Ryan McCants (6-1, 237, Sr.) |
| LOT | 50 | Mike Remmers (6-4, 299, Sr.) |
| LOG | 69 | Josh Andrews (6-2, 289, So.) |
| C | 70 | Grant Johnson (6-3, 293, Sr.) |
| ROG | 74 | Burke Ellis (6-4, 290, Sr.) |
| ROT | 77 | Michael Philipp (6-3, 298, Jr.) |
| TE | 82 | Colby Prince (6-3, 266, Jr.) |
| HBACK | 87 | Joe Halahuna (6-2, 258, Sr.) |
| WR | 2 | Markus Wheaton (6-0, 180, Jr.) |
| WR | 8 | James Rodgers (5-7, 188, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| LDE | 96 | Dominic Glover (6-2, 263, Sr.) |
| LDT | 98 | Castro Masanai (6-2, 341, Jr.) |
| RDT | 74 | Kevin Frahm (6-2, 273, Sr.) |
| RDE | 91 | Taylor Henry (6-1, 255, Jr.) |
| SLB | 40 | Michael Doctor (5-11, 223, So.) |
| MLB | 13 | Rueben Robinson (6-1, 235, Jr.) |
| WLB | 5 | Cameron Collins (6-2, 244, Sr.) |
| LCB | 14 | Jordan Poyer (5-11, 189, Jr.) |
| RCB | 17 | Brandon Hardin (6-2, 220, Sr.) |
| FS | 10 | Lance Mitchell (6-2, 206, Sr.) |
| SS | 3 | Anthony Watkins (6-1, 224, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|---------------------------------|
| K | 27 | Trevor Romaine (5-10, 195, Fr.) |
| P | 7 | Johnny Hekker (6-5, 221, Sr.) |

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SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------|----------------|
| 5.3 | Sacramento State | |
| 5.10 | @WISCONSIN | |
| 5.24 | UCLA | 14-17 |
| 6.1 | @ARIZONA STATE | 31-28 |
| 6.8 | Arizona | 29-27 |
| 6.15 | BYU | |
| 6.22 | @WASHINGTON STATE* | 14-31 |
| 6.29 | @UTAH | |
| 7.5 | Stanford | 0-38 |
| 7.12 | @CALIFORNIA* | 35-7 |
| 7.19 | Washington | 34-35 (ZOT) |
| 7.26 | @OREGON | 20-37 |

*at Seattle, WA

5-YEAR WINS TREND



► RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Ellisino Aluesi: DE, 6-6, 245

Aluesi projects as a defensive end after playing linebacker in high school. The All-City selection helped his team to a state title-game berth in his senior year.

2 ▶ Tyreque Zimmerman: WR, 6-0, 185

Zimmerman, who committed to the Beavers sight unseen over offers from South Carolina, Baylor, Louisville and others, has good speed and athleticism. If offense doesn't work out, he could transition to defense.

3 ▶ Brandin Cooks: WR, 5-10, 165

Cooks, from Lincoln (Calif.) High, switched to Oregon State from UCLA late in the recruiting process. He has excellent hands, runs great routes and possesses outstanding footwork. He'll fight for early playing time in Corvallis.

4 ▶ Dylan Wynn: DE, 6-3, 230

The hard-nosed Wynn hails from one of California's top high school programs, Concord De La Salle. Athletic and aggressive, Wynn had 12 sacks during his senior season.

5 ▶ Richard Mullaney: WR, 6-3, 185

Mullaney set a state record for receptions (122) as a senior at Thousand Oaks High in California.

WASHINGTON

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HUSKIES

PAC-12 NORTH

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|------------|-----------|---|
| QB | 17 | Keith Price (6-1, 192, So.) |
| RB | 1 | Chris Polk (5-11, 214, Jr.) |
| LOT | 56 | Senio Kelemete (6-4, 289, Sr.) |
| LOG | 75 | Erik Kohler (6-5, 306, So.) |
| C | 73 | Drew Schaefer (6-4, 281, Jr.) |
| ROG | 79 | Colin Porter (6-4, 307, So.) |
| ROT | 59 | Ben Riva (6-6, 275, Fr.) |
| TE | 88 | Austin Seferian-Jenkins (6-6, 250, Fr.) |
| WR | 3 | James Johnson (6-0, 201, Jr.) |
| WR | 9 | Devin Aguilar (6-0, 188, Sr.) |
| WR | 15 | Jermaine Kearse (6-2, 205, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 52 | Hau'oli Jamora (6-3, 238, So.) |
| LDT | 55 | Sione Potoa'e (6-2, 285, So.) |
| RDT | 74 | Alameda Ta'am (6-3, 330, Sr.) |
| RDE | 92 | Everette Thompson (6-6, 244, Sr.) |
| SLB | 53 | Garret Gilliland (6-0, 215, So.) |
| MLB | 31 | Cort Dennison (6-1, 236, Sr.) |
| WLB | 51 | Jordan Wallace (6-0, 225, Jr.) |
| LCB | 6 | Desmond Trufant (6-0, 177, Jr.) |
| RCB | 28 | Quinton Richardson (6-0, 200, Sr.) |
| FS | 29 | Nate Fellner (6-1, 201, Jr.) |
| SS | 1 | Sean Parker (5-10, 200, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| K | 17 | Erik Folk (5-11, 197, Sr.) |
| P | 94 | Kiel Rasp (6-3, 215, Sr.) |

Sporting News All-American

5-YEAR WINS TREND



► RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ► Austin Seferian-Jenkins: TE, 6-7, 255

Seferian-Jenkins, who chose UW over Texas, was one of the top players in the country. The four-star prospect has the frame of an offensive tackle but is athletic and skilled enough to play tight end.

2 ► Kasen Williams: WR, 6-2, 200

The local product from Skyline High in Sammamish, Wash., is a big, strong receiver with good hands. The explosive four-star prospect was a USA Today All-American and his father, Aaron Williams, played receiver for the Huskies from 1979-82.

3 ► James Sample: S, 6-1, 190

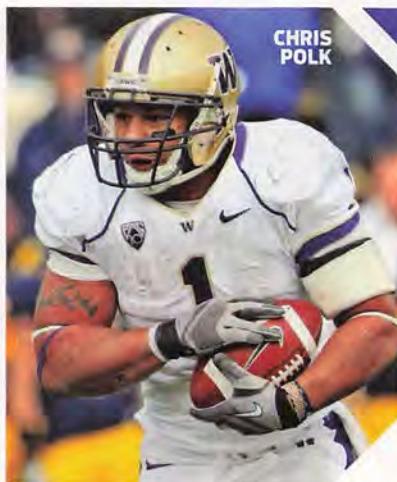
This four-star recruit is a big, hard-hitting safety who took a Greyhound bus from hometown Sacramento to Seattle for a summer camp and unofficial visit to Washington.

4 ► Corey Waller: LB, 6-2, 210

Waller, a four-star prospect, is athletic enough to play safety in some situations as well as linebacker.

5 ► Bishop Sankey: RB, 5-11, 190

Sankey, from Spokane, Wash., was committed to rival Washington State before switching to the Huskies. He rushed for 4,355 yards during his high school career.



CHRIS POLK

Despite losing star quarterback Jake Locker, optimism abounds at Washington.

The Huskies are coming off their first bowl appearance in eight years and return the bulk of their starters. They are well stocked at the skill positions and have talent on both lines.

So encouraged are school administrators that they handed coach Steve Sarkisian a new five-year, \$12.75 million contract last winter.

Sarkisian is now one of the highest paid coaches in the conference, even though UW was one loss away from not earning a bowl bid.

For a repeat trip to the postseason, the third-year coach must identify and develop an adequate replacement for Locker.

The top candidates are sophomore Keith Price and redshirt freshman Nick Montana (son of Joe, brother of Nate).

Price, who started in place of the injured Locker last year at Oregon, entered spring practice with the edge over Montana and has maintained his lead heading into the fall.

If either quarterback emerges as a steady playmaker, the Huskies should have one of the conference's most potent offenses, as they are loaded at the skill positions.

Tailback Chris Polk, an all-conference selection last year, has dropped 10 pounds and should better his 1,415 rushing yards from a year ago.

Receiver Jermaine Kearse is one of the league's best and averaged 16 yards per catch last season. Devin Aguilar provides a second option, but the Huskies must develop quality depth in training camp. Freshman Austin Seferian-Jenkins, the No. 2-rated tight end prospect in the country, should provide the offense with a third dimension.

There are questions up front, however. The offensive line must replace Ryan Tolar, Cody Habben and Greg Christine, who combined for almost 100 career starts. There are plenty of options, but most of them are young.

The situation is more settled on the defensive line, where seniors Alameda Ta'am and Everette Thompson are solid anchors surrounded by loads of young talent, including freshman Josh Shirley. It won't be the best defensive front in the conference, but it won't be the worst.

The Huskies are solid in the secondary with incumbent cornerbacks Desmond Trufant and Quinton Richardson. Safety Nate Fellner, a high school teammate of Washington State quarterback Jeff Tuel, had five interceptions last year.

The issue defensively is at linebacker, where the Huskies must replace Mason Foster, a first-team all-conference pick, and Victor Aiyewa (22.5 tackles for loss). Cort Dennison will start in the middle, but both outside positions are open.

GAME-CHANGER

Keith Price/
Nick Montana, QB

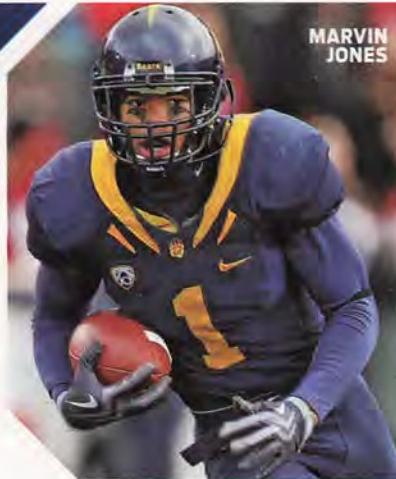
If Price, the slight favorite entering training camp, or Montana emerges as a steady performer—and avoids game-losing mistakes—then Washington could return to the postseason.

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PAC-12 NORTH

CALIFORNIA

GOLDEN BEARS



MARVIN JONES

Jeff Tedford's 10th season at California feels a lot like his first.

Back then, the Bears were coming off a 1-10 campaign when expectations were in the gutter with holes throughout the lineup and Cal fans were unsure what to think of their new head coach.

Now, the Bears are coming off a 5-7 record – their first losing season under Tedford—and expectations are low. There are major questions at key positions and many Cal fans are wondering if Tedford is still the right man for the job.

There are two major differences between Year 1 and Year 10, however.

When Tedford took over the slumping program, he had the use of Memorial Stadium, Cal's longtime home, for practice and games. This season, with the stadium undergoing a major renovation, the Bears must play their games at AT&T Park in San Francisco.

Tedford also had an underachieving but gifted quarterback in Kyle Boller to work with. Together, they led the Bears to seven wins. This season, Cal is scrambling to find a capable starter under center.

The top contenders are Brock Mansion, who started four games in 2010 but was ineffective; Zach Maynard, a transfer from Buffalo who's best suited for the spread option; and sophomore Allan Bridford.

The quarterbacks will have talented receivers at their disposal in Marvin Jones and Keenan Allen, who combined for 96 catches last year but must become more consistent. They have a new position coach in Eric Kiesau, a former Cal assistant brought back to help salvage the offense.

Cal returns a veteran offensive line that features second-team all-league tackle Mitchell Schwartz, who, despite the accolades, underachieved in 2010. New coordinator and line coach Jim Michaleczik was also a former Cal assistant brought back to help salvage the offense. Are you detecting a theme?

For the first time in years, the Bears have a hole at tailback, where junior Isi Sofele (338 yards) replaces NFL-bound Shane Vereen (1,167).

The defense lost its best players, including all-conference end Cameron Jordan, but looks to be in better shape than the offense. End Trevor Guyton, linebacker Mychal Kendricks and safety Sean Cattouse give the Bears veteran talent at each position.

And there's plenty of depth along the defensive line, a position most teams struggle to stock. But the unit's success depends on whether one of the young linebackers (Nick Forbes or Cecil Whiteside) emerges as an impact player and whether corners Steve Williams and Marc Anthony become elite.

GAME-CHANGER

Isi Sofele, RB

Not only are the Bears searching for steady play at quarterback, they're hoping Sofele emerges as their next great tailback to take the pressure off the passing game. He rushed for 338 yards last season in spot duty as Shane Vereen's backup.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| QB 10 | Brock Mansion (6-5, 234, Sr.) |
| FB 48 | Eric Stevens (6-0, 230, Jr.) |
| RB 20 | Isi Sofele (5-7, 188, Jr.) |
| LOT 72 | Mitchell Schwartz (6-5, 325, Sr.) |
| LOG 75 | Matt Summers-Gavin (6-3, 290, Jr.) |
| C 65 | Dominic Galas (6-1, 285, Jr.) |
| ROG 57 | Brian Schwenke (6-2, 311, Jr.) |
| ROT 71 | Sam DeMartini (6-5, 301, Sr.) |
| TE 80 | Anthony Miller (6-3, 262, Sr.) |
| WR 21 | Keenan Allen (6-3, 202, So.) |
| WR 1 | Marvin Jones (6-2, 200, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| LDE 95 | Ernest Owusu (6-4, 267, Sr.) |
| NT 96 | Kendrick Payne (6-2, 290, Jr.) |
| RDE 92 | Trevor Guyton (6-3, 289, Sr.) |
| LOLB 30 | Mychal Kendricks (6-0, 241, Sr.) |
| LILB 3 | D.J. Holt (6-1, 252, Sr.) |
| RILB 37 | Robert Mullins (6-1, 227, Jr.) |
| ROLB 22 | Ryan Davis (6-4, 256, Sr.) |
| LCB 1 | Steve Williams (5-10, 183, So.) |
| RCB 2 | Marc Anthony (6-0, 195, Jr.) |
| FS 23 | Josh Hill (5-11, 183, Jr.) |
| SS 11 | Sean Cattouse (6-2, 213, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| K 40 | Giorgio Tavecchio (5-8, 174, Sr.) |
| P 19 | Bryan Anger (6-4, 203, Sr.) |

Sporting News All-American



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Fresno State | |
| S.10 | @COLORADO | 52-7 |
| S.17 | Presbyterian | |
| S.24 | @WASHINGTON | 13-16 |
| O.6 | @OREGON | 13-15 |
| O.13 | USC | 14-48 |
| O.22 | Utah | |
| O.29 | @UCLA | 35-7 |
| N.5 | Washington State | 20-13 |
| N.12 | Oregon State | 7-35 |
| N.19 | @STANFORD | 14-48 |
| N.26 | @ARIZONA STATE | 50-17 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



► RATING THE RECRUTS

- 1 ▶ Brennan Scarlett: DE/TE, 6-5, 255
Scarlett is an agile, athletic prospect who missed all but three games of his senior season, but posted 31 tackles.
- 2 ▶ Brendon Bigelow: RB, 5-10, 180
The speedy Fresno, Calif., native was committed to Washington before switching to the Golden Bears. A knee injury forced Bigelow to miss all of his senior year, but he rushed for 1,000 yards on 87 carries as a junior.
- 3 ▶ Stefan McClure: CB, 5-11, 175
McClure, a two-time All-State selection from Vista (Calif.) High, was one of the better cornerback prospects on the West Coast in 2011.
- 4 ▶ Viliami Moala: DT, 6-2, 330
Moala, a four-star prospect from Grant High in Sacramento, Calif., is an athletic space-eater with tremendous strength and balance.
- 5 ▶ Mustafa Jalil: DT, 6-4, 305
Jalil combines with Viliami Moala, Brennan Scarlett and others to give the Golden Bears one of the top defensive-line classes in the country.

WASHINGTON STATE

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COUGARS

PAC-12 NORTH

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 10 | Jeff Tuel (6-3, 214, Jr.) |
| RB | 34 | Logwone Mitz (6-1, 230, Sr.) |
| LOT | 79 | David Gonzalez (6-6, 275, Sr.) |
| LOG | 77 | John Fullington (6-5, 268, So.) |
| C | 73 | Andrew Roxas (6-2, 304, Sr.) |
| ROG | 72 | B.J. Guerra (6-3, 315, Sr.) |
| ROT | 55 | Wade Jacobson (6-6, 304, Sr.) |
| TE | 87 | Andrej Lintz (6-5, 247, Jr.) |
| WR | 86 | Marquess Wilson (6-3, 173, So.) |
| WR | 81 | Isiah Barton (6-1, 190, Sr.) |
| WR | 84 | Jared Kartetter (6-4, 208, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 89 | Travis Long (6-4, 258, Jr.) |
| LDT | 5 | Brandon Rankin (6-5, 281, Sr.) |
| RDT | 61 | Anthony Laurenzi (6-3, 278, Jr.) |
| RDE | 90 | Ian Knight (6-2, 244, Jr.) |
| SLB | 59 | Sekope Kaufusi (6-3, 233, So.) |
| MLB | 44 | Mike Ledgerwood (6-1, 231, Sr.) |
| WLB | 17 | Alex Hoffman-Ellis (6-1, 241, Sr.) |
| LCB | 29 | Nolan Washington (5-10, 180, So.) |
| RCB | 6 | Damante Horton (5-10, 160, So.) |
| FS | 15 | Tyree Toomer (5-11, 194, Jr.) |
| SS | 10 | Deone Bucannon (6-1, 186, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|
| K | 49 | Andrew Furney (5-10, 217, So.) |
| P | 6 | Dan Wagner (6-0, 207, Sr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

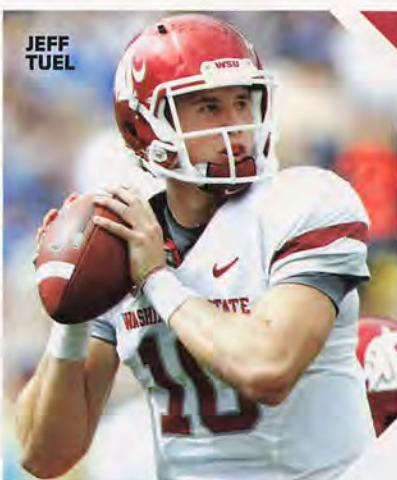
1 ▶ Logan Mayes: LB, 6-3, 220
A tall, rangy linebacker, Mayes had 84 tackles and 13.5 sacks as a senior and was named Oregon's Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year. He is also a standout lacrosse player.

2 ▶ Alex Mitchell: G/DT, 6-3, 295
A two-way star for Jefferson High in Portland, Mitchell could be an early contributor on the interior of the offensive or defensive line.

3 ▶ Chester Su'a: LB, 6-1, 200
Su'a was an outstanding running back in high school, posting 1,625 yards and 20 touchdowns last season. But he projects as a linebacker at Washington State.

4 ▶ Dominique Williams: WR, 6-3, 190
Williams, from Garey High in Pomona, Calif., totaled 18 touchdowns and was an All-Inland Empire selection.

5 ▶ Demetrius Cherry: DE, 6-5, 265
Cherry, from Oak Ridge Military Academy in North Carolina, is a big, athletic prospect who has a ton of upside. He's from Frostproof, Fla., and had 92 tackles during his final season of high school football.



JEFF
TUEL



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| 5.3 | Idaho State | |
| 5.10 | UNLV | |
| 5.17 | @SAN DIEGO STATE | |
| 5.24 | @COLORADO | |
| 5.31 | @UCLA | 28-42 |
| 6.15 | Stanford | 28-38 |
| 6.22 | Oregon State* | 31-14 |
| 6.29 | @OREGON | 23-43 |
| 7.5 | @CALIFORNIA | 13-20 |
| 7.12 | Arizona State | 0-42 |
| 7.19 | Utah | |
| 7.26 | @WASHINGTON | 28-35 |
| | *at Seattle | |

COACH

Paul Wulff

4th year (5-32)

Career record: 5-32 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

Todd Sturdy (4th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Chris Ball (4th year) and

Jody Sears (4th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 2-10 PAC-10: 1-8

Stadium: Martin Stadium (37,600)

Tickets: 800-GO-COUGS

Site: Pullman

Official athletic Web site:

www.wsucougars.com

For the first time in years, the Cougars shouldn't be awful.

That's good news for coach Paul Wulff, whose job is in jeopardy after compiling a 5-32 overall and 2-25 league record in his first three years.

The WSU faithful gave Wulff a break in 2008 and '09, because he inherited a roster from Bill Doba that was devoid of talent.

But now it's time for the Cougars to show improvement, or Wulff will be seeking other employment.

With 17 returning starters (including Jeff Tuel at quarterback) and a favorable schedule that excludes having to play USC, the Cougars should show some improvement.

The key to WSU's success is staying healthy and improved play on both lines. However, the Cougars must be able to run the ball and stop the run consistently.

Tuel, who had a 133.3 passer rating last season, is capable of winning games if he has protection. Sophomore Marquess Wilson, one of the top young receivers in the conference, will lead a mediocre offense.

The tailback situation is uncertain, although freshman Rickey Galvin has enough talent to solve the problem if he stays healthy. He broke his arm in his first game in 2010 and sat out the rest of the season.

The line, which allowed 51 sacks last season, must replace two starters. We'll see how well the Cougars have recruited now that prospects from Wulff's early classes have matured.

The same goes for the defensive line. End Travis Long was an all-conference honorable-mention pick last year, while Brandon Rankin could play for any team in the league. But they will need help in order for the Cougars to improve a run defense that allowed 220.2 yards per game last season.

Toni Pole, a potential starter on the defensive line, injured his knee at the end of spring practice. His status for the 2011 season was unclear.

Alex Hoffman-Ellis (81 tackles) leads an unproven linebacker unit that must contend with three 1,000-yard rushers in its own division. Sophomore C.J. Mizell showed some promise last season (6 tackles for loss).

The back line is one of the Pac-12's youngest, as the Cougars started two freshmen and two sophomores in the secondary last fall. The experience should make for an improved unit, if the youngsters aren't still shell-shocked from last season.



GAME-CHANGER

Rickey Galvin, RB

The Cougars will have a capable passing game if they run the ball well and Galvin is the key—if he's healthy. He broke his arm on the first run of the 2010 opener and hasn't played since.

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PAC-12 SOUTH

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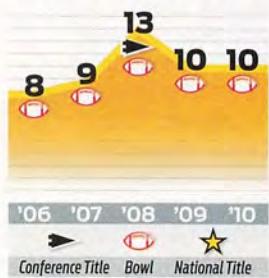


UTES

DEVONTE CHRISTOPHER

**SCHEDULE**

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|---------------|
| S.1 | Montana State | |
| S.10 | @USC | |
| S.17 | @BYU | 17-16 |
| O.1 | Washington | |
| O.8 | Arizona State | |
| O.15 | @PITTSTURGH | 27-24 (OT) |
| O.22 | @CALIFORNIA | |
| O.29 | Oregon State | |
| N.5 | @ARIZONA | |
| N.12 | UCLA | |
| N.19 | @WASHINGTON STATE | |
| N.26 | Colorado | |

5-YEAR WINS TREND**COACH****Kyle Whittingham**

7th year (57-20)

Career record: 57-20

Offensive coordinator:

Norm Chow (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Kalani Sitake (3rd year)

FAST FACTS**2010 RECORD: 10-3 MWC: 7-1**

(lost to Boise State in the MAACO Bowl, 26-3)

Stadium: Rice-Eccles Stadium (45,017)

Tickets: 801-581-8849

Site: Salt Lake City

Official athletic Web site:

www.utahutes.com



Utah officially joins the Pac-12 in July, but the Utes won't have a chance to prove they belong until Sept. 10, the date of their conference opener at USC.

Until then, Utah's place in the Pac-12 hierarchy is based more on speculation than substance.

The Utes look like a strong contender for the South Division title with a first-rate coach in Kyle Whittingham, a veteran quarterback in Jordan Wynn, talent on both lines and an element of surprise as they enter a new league.

And the schedule is a gift from heaven, as the Utes don't play either of the league's powerhouses, Oregon or Stanford. And Utah gets

Arizona State, expected to contend for the South title, at home.

Scan the full slate and there are only two or three games in which the Utes won't be favored.

Yet their status atop the conference is questionable given that Utah couldn't even win the Mountain West in 2010. The Utes also have a quarterback on the mend and no proven tailback to navigate through the Pac-12's tough defenses.

One thing we do know about the Utes is their new offensive coordinator, alumnus Norm Chow, is familiar with the new conference. Chow will provide insight into the defensive tendencies of the Utes' nine conference opponents, especially former employer UCLA. He'll also

revise Utah's option offense, adding more pro-style passing to the playbook.

The only snag is that Chow did not get a chance to work with his quarterback during spring practice. Jordan Wynn missed the session while recovering from a shoulder injury.

Also, Wynn struggled in the final weeks of the 2010 season—when the schedule toughened—so the Utes wonder if he'll be operating near maximum efficiency when they visit the Los Angeles Coliseum in Week 2. If Wynn is not ready for the season opener, Tyler Shreve is the best backup under center.

Another issue is the lack of a proven tailback.

The Utes lost Eddie Wide and Matt Asiata, who combined to rush for 1,412 yards and catch 66 passes last season. And third-string rusher Sausan Shakerin quit because of recurrent concussions.

From the mass of candidates for the starting job, Thretton Palamo, a former rugby player, emerged as the surprise of the spring. He'll be pushed by Harvey Langi and John White.

Utah lost productive receiver Jereme Brooks (51 receptions), but its most talented wideout is back in DeVonte Christopher, who averaged 16.9 yards per catch a year ago. If Wynn delivers the ball consistently, Christopher could be one of the league's finest perimeter players.

Pac-12 fans won't recognize the names of Utah's top defensive players, but it's a talented group, though the secondary lacks playmakers.

The departure of cornerback Brandon Burton (to the NFL) and a position change by safety Brian Blechen (to linebacker) leaves the Utes with a rebuilt secondary.

Cornerbacks Ryan Lacy and Conroy Black are the favorites to win the starting spots. But the safety positions remain unsettled. Keith McGill, a junior college All-American at Cerritos (Calif.) College, arrives in the fall to compete for one of the starting jobs.

All of this means the Utes must take the pressure off their secondary with stellar play at the other positions. And they have the ingredients to do it.

The line should be solid with end Derrick Shelby and 6-7 Joe Kruger, one of Utah's most improved players. Another option is David Rolf, a transfer from Michigan State. If Star Lotulelei plays to his potential, the unit could be one of the conference's best.

The Utes are set at linebacker with Matt Martinez in the weakside/rover spot, All-American Brian Blechen playing the "stud" position and All-Mountain West selection Chaz Walker in the middle. Senior J.J. Williams and Boo Andersen, a converted fullback, are also in the rotation.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Utes won their share of recruiting battles and added talent to their roster for 2011. In-state athlete Harvey Langi could have gone anywhere, but elected to stay home and play for the Utes. He's a 6-1, 225-pound running back with good feet and athleticism. He also could transition to linebacker and not miss a beat. Another in-state standout, offensive lineman Isaac Asiata, has excellent size and athleticism. The same is true with Sloasi Alono

(West Covina, Calif.), who has loads of upside on the interior of the offensive line. Utah went into the Inland Empire area of greater Los Angeles and plucked four-star prospect Quinton Pedroza. The 6-3, 200-pound wide receiver created a buzz during his senior year. Junior college recruit Keith McGill (Norwalk, Calif./Cerritos College) is a big safety who should come in and fight for playing time right away.

—JC Shurbutt, 247Sports



GAME-CHANGER

Jordan Wynn, QB

The fate of Utah in the Pac-12 depends on the 6-1 junior with a surgically repaired shoulder. After missing spring practice, Wynn will have one month to get comfortable with the new offense installed by Norm Chow.

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

► PASSING

Jordan Wynn

| | GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg./G |
|----|-------|------------|-------------|------|------|------|--------|
| 10 | 139.9 | 299-186-10 | 62.2 | 2334 | 17 | 23.4 | |

► RUSHING

Griff Robles

| | GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
|---|----|------|-----|------|------|-------|
| 4 | 17 | 124 | 7.3 | 0 | 31.0 | |

► RECEIVING

DeVonte Christopher

| | GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
|----|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|
| 12 | 39 | 660 | 16.9 | 6 | 55.0 | |

DEFENSE

► TACKLES

Chaz Walker

| | GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
|----|----|------|--------|-------|
| 13 | 35 | 39 | 74 | |

► SACKS

Trevor Reilly

| | GP | No. | Yards |
|----|-----|-----|-------|
| 11 | 2.0 | 11 | |
| 12 | 2.0 | 20 | |

Derrick Shelby

| | GP | No. | Yards |
|----|-----|-----|-------|
| 13 | 2.0 | 14 | |

► INTERCEPTIONS

Brian Blechen

| | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|---|-----|-------|------|----|
| 4 | 16 | 4.0 | 0 | |

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-------------------------------------|
| QB | 3 | Jordan Wynn (6-1, 201, Jr.) |
| | 8 | Tyler Shreve (6-3, 220, Fr.) |
| FB | 37 | Karl Williams (6-0, 235, So.) |
| | 82 | Jake Murphy (6-4, 255, Fr.) |
| RB | 21 | Harvey Langi (6-1, 225, Fr.) |
| | 15 | John White (5-9, 190, Jr.) |
| LOT | 77 | John Cullen (6-5, 305, Sr.) |
| | 56 | Kapua Sai (6-5, 307, So.) |
| LOG | 74 | Sam Brenner (6-3, 300, Jr.) |
| | 76 | Jeremiah Tofaeono (6-3, 314, So.) |
| C | 54 | Tevita Stevens (6-1, 297, Jr.) |
| | 64 | Vycent Jones (6-3, 300, So.) |
| ROG | 79 | Percy Taumoeau (6-4, 314, So.) |
| | 57 | Isaac Asiata (6-3, 310, Fr.) |
| ROT | 70 | Tony Bergstrom (6-6, 315, Sr.) |
| | 78 | Daniel Nielson (6-6, 316, Fr.) |
| TE | 81 | Kendrick Moeai (6-5, 250, Jr.) |
| | 80 | Westlee Tonga (6-4, 250, So.) |
| WR | 87 | Dres Anderson (6-1, 185, Fr.) |
| | 14 | Reggie Dunn (6-0, 173, Jr.) |
| WR | 10 | DeVonte Christopher (6-1, 200, Jr.) |
| | | Anthony Denham (6-4, 231, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| LDE | 97 | Tevita Finau (6-5, 283, Sr.) |
| | 44 | Dave Kruger (6-5, 285, Jr.) |
| LDT | 91 | James Aiona (6-4, 305, Sr.) |
| | 44 | Dave Kruger (6-5, 285, Jr.) |
| RDT | 92 | Star Lotulelei (6-4, 320, Jr.) |
| | 58 | LT Tuipulotu (6-1, 305, So.) |
| RDE | 90 | Derrick Shelby (6-3, 262, Sr.) |
| | 99 | Joe Kruger (6-7, 270, So.) |
| SLB | 4 | Brian Blechen (6-2, 225, So.) |
| | 49 | Trevor Reilly (6-5, 238, So.) |
| MLB | 32 | Chaz Walker (6-0, 223, Sr.) |
| | 13 | J.J. Williams (6-0, 220, Sr.) |
| WLB | 52 | Matt Martinez (6-0, 225, Sr.) |
| | 40 | Jacoby Hale (6-0, 220, Fr.) |
| LCB | 9 | Conroy Black (6-0, 186, Sr.) |
| | 28 | Reggie Topps (5-11, 190, Jr.) |
| RCB | 26 | Ryan Lacy (5-10, 187, Jr.) |
| | 23 | Wykie Freeman (5-11, 175, So.) |
| FS | | Keith McGill (6-3, 200, Jr.) |
| | Eric Rowe (6-1, 185, Fr.) | |
| SS | 15 | Michael Walker (5-9, 191, So.) |
| | 35 | Greg Bird (6-2, 214, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|
| K | 92 | Coleman Petersen (6-2, 192, Jr.) |
| P | 86 | Sean Sellwood (6-3, 200, Jr.) |

2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | UTAH | OPP | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| SCORING | 430 | 264 | | | | |
| Points Per Game | 33.1 | 20.3 | | | | |
| FIRST DOWNS | 243 | 219 | | | | |
| Rushing | 104 | 73 | | | | |
| Passing | 125 | 128 | | | | |
| Penalty | 14 | 18 | | | | |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 1988 | 1452 | | | | |
| Yards gained rushing | 2153 | 1811 | | | | |
| Yards lost rushing | 165 | 359 | | | | |
| Rushing Attempts | 428 | 451 | | | | |
| Average Per Rush | 4.6 | 3.2 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 152.9 | 111.7 | | | | |
| TDs Rushing | 27 | 9 | | | | |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 3069 | 2927 | | | | |
| Att-Comp-Int | 248-398-12 | 233-380-12 | | | | |
| Average Per Pass | 7.7 | 7.7 | | | | |
| Average Per Catch | 12.4 | 12.6 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 236.1 | 225.2 | | | | |
| TDs Passing | 24 | 20 | | | | |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 5057 | 4379 | | | | |
| Total Plays | 826 | 831 | | | | |
| Average Per Play | 6.1 | 5.3 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 389.0 | 336.8 | | | | |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 46-1100 | 60-1122 | | | | |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 35-616 | 11-113 | | | | |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 12-194 | 12-167 | | | | |
| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
| Utah | 57 | 162 | 111 | 97 | 3 | 430 |
| Opponent | 71 | 58 | 79 | 56 | 0 | 264 |

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PAC-12 SOUTH



SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT '10 RESULT

| | | |
|------|-------------------|----------------|
| S.1 | UC Davis | |
| S.9 | Missouri | |
| S.17 | @ILLINOIS | |
| S.24 | USC | 33-34 |
| O.1 | Oregon State | 28-31 |
| O.8 | @UTAH | |
| O.15 | @OREGON | 31-42 |
| O.29 | Colorado | |
| N.5 | @UCLA | 55-34 |
| N.12 | @WASHINGTON STATE | 42-0 |
| N.19 | Arizona | 30-29 (2OT) |
| N.26 | California | 17-50 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Dennis Erickson

5th year (25-24)

Career record: 141-74-1 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

Noel Mazzone (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Craig Bray (5th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 6-6 PAC-10: 4-5

Stadium: Sun Devil Stadium (71,706)

Tickets: 480-727-0000

Site: Tempe

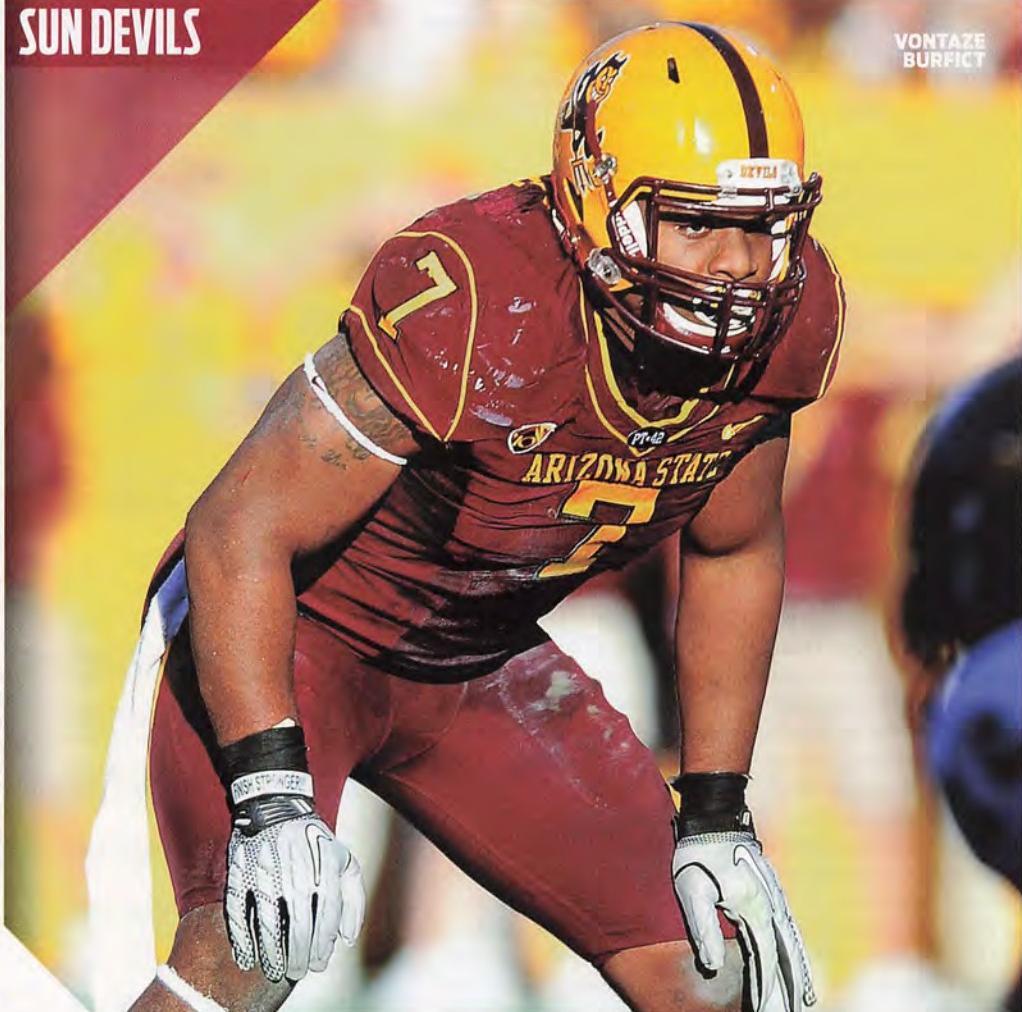
Official athletic Web site:
www.thesundevils.com

ARIZONA STATE



SUN DEVILS

VONTAZE BURFICT



Arizona State narrowly missed a bowl bid last fall because of circumstances beyond its control. But the Sun Devil football community, which includes the school's administration and major donors, won't tolerate any excuses this year.

Fifth-year coach Dennis Erickson's job hangs in the balance, and he knows it. His players know it. His conference foes know it. Primitive tribes in the jungles of Papua New Guinea know it, too.

"For me," Erickson says, "I think it's a very important season for this program, no question about it."

It's lucky that Erickson has been building for the 2011 season for three years.

The Sun Devils have 31 seniors and return 19 starters. They appear set at quarterback and possess one of the best defenses in the conference. Their schedule is favorable with seven home games, including USC and Arizona, and the two best teams in the league (Stanford and Oregon)

reside in the North.

"Our whole team has changed because they've been here for a while," Erickson says. "Obviously, we didn't accomplish what we wanted to last year. But I think there were some real plusses."

The Sun Devils lost four games by four points or less and finished 6-6, which would have been good enough for a bowl bid any other year. But because San Jose State canceled a game at the last minute, ASU was forced to play two FCS teams and fell one FBS victory shy of the minimum needed for a postseason berth.

But the experience of playing so many close games—they lost at Wisconsin by one and to Stanford by four—should prove invaluable this season.

Although starting quarterback Steven Threet was forced to retire because of repeated concussions, 6-8 reserve Brock Osweiler was impressive in the final two games of 2010, throwing for 647 yards and five touchdowns in wins over



UCLA and Arizona.

"He has got to really progress," Erickson says. "He proved what kind of competitor he was in the last two games. You could tell when he was on and when he was off, and yet he willed us to win."

Osweiler has the good fortune of working behind an offensive line that returns intact—center Garth Gerhart, a fifth-year senior, is the anchor—and has a solid understanding of coordinator Noel Mazzone's spread offense.

The Sun Devils are well stocked at tailback with junior Cameron Marshall, whose size and speed make him an all-conference candidate. Deandre Lewis, who rushed for 539 yards as a freshman, gives ASU one of the league's best tailback tandems.

The Sun Devils must replace receiver Kerry Taylor—the offense's only senior starter last year—and T.J. Simpson (29 catches) may miss the season due to a knee injury. But there are several options, including 6-4 senior Gerell Robinson, who scored five touchdowns last year despite a nagging hamstring.

"It's really exciting offensively, compared to what it has been," Erickson says.

Whether ASU's defense is the best in the conference depends on how the interior of the defensive line performs without tackles Lawrence Guy, who declared for the NFL draft, and Saia Falahola.

Sophomore end Junior Onyeali is one of the Pac-12's best young linemen, while hybrid end/edge rusher Jamaar Jarrett was an all-league honorable mention last fall. And then there's senior James Brooks, who had 7.5 tackles for loss last season.

The Sun Devils are loaded at linebacker, thanks to the presence of veteran Brandon Magee and the temperamental but gifted Vontaze Burfict. If Burfict gets his emotions under control, he will be the most dominant defensive force in the conference.

"It's amazing the change in the last three months," says Erickson of Burfict's emotional and mental growth. "Now, he doesn't miss workouts, ever. He's a leader out there."

The Devils will need every ounce of Burfict's talent and newfound maturity if cornerback Omar Bolden isn't available. Bolden, a first-team all-conference performer last year, tore knee ligaments during spring practice and is out until at least September—and possibly longer.

Without him providing shutdown coverage, the Devils are vulnerable in the secondary. Osahon Irabor, a 2010 starter, is back. One option to fill Bolden's spot is Devan Spann. Another is to move safety Alden Darby to cornerback. Either way, a ferocious pass rush, fueled by Burfict, would help offset Bolden's absence.

The Sun Devils must replace kicker Thomas Weber, which may not be as difficult as they once imagined.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Sun Devils reached into California to sign quarterbacks Michael Bercovici and Michael Eubank and athlete Rashad Wadood. Bercovici has good size and a strong arm, and his stock rose as a high school senior. Eubank is a 6-5 quarterback whose best days are ahead of him. Wadood is a versatile athlete who could contribute on either side of the

ball and in the return game. Arizona State snagged one of several top-shelf, in-state offensive linemen in Mo Latu. The Sun Devils also beat out rival Arizona late for athlete Ezekiel Bishop (Denver). Keep an eye out for Brent Walker (Norco, Calif.), a 6-5, 300-pound offensive lineman. He has good upside and size.

—JC Shurburt, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| QB | 17 | Brock Osweiler (6-8, 235, Jr.) |
| | 15 | Taylor Kelly (6-1, 202, Fr.) |
| RB | 26 | Cameron Marshall (5-11, 223, Jr.) |
| | 25 | Deandre Lewis (5-10, 193, So.) |
| LOT | 62 | Evan Finkenberg (6-6, 292, So.) |
| | 74 | Jamil Douglas (6-4, 284, Fr.) |
| LOG | 70 | Mike Marcisz (6-5, 300, Sr.) |
| | 77 | Adam Tello (6-3, 292, Sr.) |
| C | 52 | Garth Gerhart (6-1, 300, Sr.) |
| | 67 | Kody Koebensky (6-4, 300, So.) |
| ROG | 72 | Andrew Sampson (6-3, 300, Jr.) |
| | 71 | Brice Schwab (6-7, 302, Sr.) |
| ROT | 69 | Dan Knapp (6-5, 277, Sr.) |
| | 73 | Aderious Simmons (6-7, 310, Sr.) |
| TE | 45 | Trevor Kohl (6-1, 245, Sr.) |
| | 87 | Christopher Coyle (6-3, 235, So.) |
| WR | 8 | Gerell Robinson (6-4, 222, Sr.) |
| | 19 | Kevin Anderson (5-9, 175, Fr.) |
| WR | 4 | Aaron Pflugrad (5-10, 180, Sr.) |
| | 32 | Jamal Miles (5-10, 183, Jr.) |
| WR | 1 | Mike Willie (6-4, 215, Sr.) |
| | 13 | George Bell (6-3, 203, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| LDE | 7 | Junior Onyeali (5-11, 233, So.) |
| | 92 | Jamaar Jarrett (6-5, 260, Sr.) |
| LDT | 90 | William Sutton (6-2, 285, So.) |
| | 96 | Toa Tuitea (6-3, 280, Jr.) |
| RDT | 61 | Bo Moos (6-0, 286, Sr.) |
| | 68 | Corey Adams (6-3, 285, Jr.) |
| RDE | 34 | James Brooks (6-5, 279, Sr.) |
| | 17 | Greg Smith (6-3, 255, Jr.) |
| SLB | 6 | Shelly Lyons (6-2, 230, Sr.) |
| | 21 | Colin Parker (6-1, 228, Sr.) |
| MLB | 7 | Vontaze Burfict (6-3, 252, Jr.) |
| | 48 | Carl Bradford (6-0, 247, Fr.) |
| WLB | 8 | Brandon Magee (5-11, 230, Sr.) |
| | 18 | Oliver Aaron (6-0, 208, Sr.) |
| LCB | 19 | Osahon Irabor (5-11, 180, So.) |
| | 35 | Ronald Kennedy (5-10, 175, So.) |
| RCB | 25 | Devan Spann (5-11, 175, Fr.) |
| | 32 | Harrison Evans (5-10, 180, So.) |
| FS | 4 | Alden Darby (5-10, 185, So.) |
| | 12 | Matthew Tucker (6-1, 197, So.) |
| SS | 9 | Clint Floyd (5-10, 198, Sr.) |
| | 29 | Shane McCullen (6-2, 200, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|-------------------------------|
| K | 36 | Alex Garoutte (6-1, 190, Fr.) |
| P | 47 | Josh Hubner (6-4, 230, Jr.) |

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RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|--------|-------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Brock Osweiler | GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg/G |
| | 6 | 133.4 | 62-109-0 | 56.9 | 797 | 5 | 132.6 |
| RUSHING | GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg/G | |
| Cameron Marshall | 12 | 150 | 787 | 5.2 | 9 | 65.6 | |

RECEIVING

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|----|-----|------|------|----|-------|
| Mike Willie | GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
| | 12 | 36 | 442 | 12.3 | 6 | 36.8 |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| | | | | |
|-----------------|----|------|--------|-------|
| Vontaze Burfict | GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
| | 12 | 54 | 36 | 90 |

SACKS

| | | | |
|----------------|----|-----|-------|
| Junior Onyeali | GP | No. | Yards |
| | 12 | 6.5 | 61 |

INTERCEPTIONS

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| Omar Bolden | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
| | 3 | 85 | 28.3 | 1 |

2010 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS

ASU

OPP

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| SCORING | 387 | 300 | | | | |
| Points Per Game | 32.2 | 25.0 | | | | |
| FIRST DOWNS | 255 | 248 | | | | |
| Rushing | 85 | 73 | | | | |
| Passing | 152 | 142 | | | | |
| Penalty | 18 | 33 | | | | |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 1671 | 1436 | | | | |
| Yards gained rushing | 1968 | 1758 | | | | |
| Yards lost rushing | 297 | 322 | | | | |
| Rushing Attempts | 413 | 442 | | | | |
| Average Per Rush | 4.0 | 3.2 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 139.2 | 119.7 | | | | |
| TDs Rushing | 19 | 14 | | | | |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 3437 | 2943 | | | | |
| Att-Comp-Int | 279-464-17 | 271-429-12 | | | | |
| Average Per Pass | 7.4 | 6.9 | | | | |
| Average Per Catch | 12.3 | 10.9 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 286.4 | 245.2 | | | | |
| TDs Passing | 23 | 18 | | | | |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 5108 | 4379 | | | | |
| Total Plays | 877 | 871 | | | | |
| Average Per Play | 5.8 | 5.0 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 425.7 | 364.9 | | | | |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 52-1432 | 57-1228 | | | | |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 34-309 | 30-369 | | | | |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 12-154 | 17-182 | | | | |
| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
| Arizona State | 99 | 89 | 88 | 101 | 10 | 387 |
| Opponent | 74 | 81 | 87 | 49 | 9 | 300 |

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PAC-12 SOUTH

TROJANS

No team in the Pac-12 is harder to assess than USC, and the on-field questions are only one source of the confusion.

The Trojans were awaiting word on their appeal of NCAA sanctions stemming from the Reggie Bush case. USC had hoped to learn in February whether its scholarship reductions and two-year postseason ban would be cut in half. But as of early May, the Trojans hadn't heard if they would be eligible for a bowl bid in 2011.

The NCAA's decision could have a major impact not only on USC's season but also on the shape of the Pac-12 race.

Despite all their troubles, the Trojans still possess one of the most talented rosters in the conference.

If they are bowl-eligible and focused week after week, they'll be a dominant force in the South.

But if the appeal is denied and they have nothing to play for except pride, there's a chance the Trojans could drift toward mediocrity.

Either way, depth will be an issue. Even though the full wallop of the scholarship reductions hasn't been felt—that's two or three years away—the Trojans have suffered significant attrition in the past year and are more vulnerable to injuries than they have been in nearly a decade.

There are several sterling pieces left on second-year coach Lane Kiffin's roster, including Matt Barkley and Robert Woods, the best pass-catch combination in the Pac-12. Marc Tyler and Dillon Baxter form a devastating tailback tandem, while safety T.J. McDonald is a star-in-the-making. There's talent at linebacker with Marquis Simmons, Devon Kennard and Chris Galippo, and end Armond Armstead is one of the league's top linemen.

But there are issues, starting with Armstead's health. He was hospitalized in March due to chest pains, leaving his status for the fall in question. In years past, the Trojans were so deep on the line that they could have weathered the loss of a player of Armstead's ability. Not anymore. If he cannot play, a suspect defense—USC yielded 400 yards per game last season—becomes even more vulnerable.

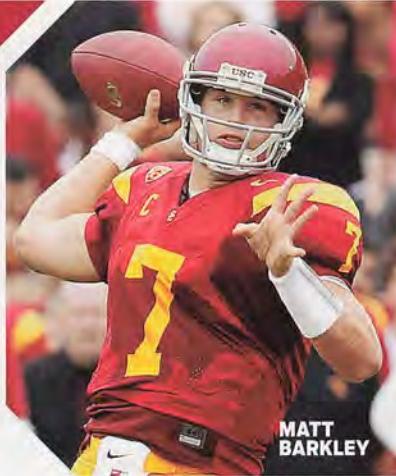
There's also a lack of depth on the offensive line, where only two starters return in Matt Kalil and Khaled Holmes and uncertainty reigns. If the line manages to protect Barkley, USC's offense should be potent. Tyler rushed for 913 yards last season, while Woods is the league's most gifted receiver.

Central to USC's success this fall will be the contributions of eight players who enrolled last winter and the highly touted recruiting class that signed in February. Because of the need, a handful of freshmen may play significant roles for the Trojans in 2011.

GAME-CHANGER

T.J. McDonald, FS

The son of former USC All-American Tim McDonald is one of the best defensive backs in the conference and the key to improving a pass defense that ranked 109th in the nation last season.



MATT BARKLEY



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| 5.3 | Minnesota | 32-21 |
| 5.10 | Utah | |
| 5.17 | Syracuse | |
| 5.24 | @ARIZONA STATE | 34-33 |
| 6.1 | Arizona | 24-21 |
| 6.13 | @CALIFORNIA | 48-14 |
| 6.22 | @NOTRE DAME | 16-20 |
| 6.29 | Stanford | 35-37 |
| 7.5 | @COLORADO | |
| 7.12 | Washington | 31-32 |
| 7.19 | @OREGON | 32-53 |
| 7.26 | UCLA | 28-14 |

COACH

Lane Kiffin

2nd year (8-5)

Career record: 15-11

Offensive coordinator:

Kennedy Pola (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Monte Kiffin (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 8-5 PAC-10:5-4

Stadium: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (92,000)

Tickets: 213-740-GOSC

Site: Los Angeles

Official athletic Web site: www.usctrojans.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 7 | Matt Barkley (6-2, 220, Jr.) |
| FB | 31 | Soma Vainuku (6-2, 255, Fr.) |
| RB | 26 | Marc Tyler (5-11, 230, Sr.) |
| LOT | 75 | Matt Kalil (6-7, 295, Jr.) |
| LOG | 59 | John Martinez (6-2, 290, So.) |
| C | 78 | Khaled Holmes (6-4, 300, Jr.) |
| ROG | 72 | Martin Coleman (6-5, 335, Sr.) |
| ROT | 74 | Jeremy Galten (6-4, 285, Jr.) |
| TE | 40 | Rhett Ellison (6-5, 245, Sr.) |
| WR | 80 | Brandon Carswell (6-1, 195, Sr.) |
| WR | 2 | Robert Woods (6-1, 185, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| LDE | 96 | Wes Horton (6-5, 260, Jr.) |
| LDT | 44 | Christian Tupou (6-2, 290, Sr.) |
| RDT | 90 | George Uko (6-4, 300, Fr.) |
| RDE | 8 | Nick Perry (6-3, 250, Jr.) |
| SLB | 53 | Marquis Simmons (6-1, 215, So.) |
| MLB | 42 | Devon Kennard (6-3, 250, Jr.) |
| WLB | 54 | Chris Galippo (6-2, 250, Sr.) |
| LCB | 21 | Nickell Robey (5-8, 165, So.) |
| RCB | 34 | Tony Burnett (6-1, 195, Jr.) |
| FS | 7 | T.J. McDonald (6-3, 205, Jr.) |
| SS | 27 | Marshall Jones (5-11, 185, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|
| K | 48 | Andre Heidari (5-11, 190, Fr.) |
| P | 35 | Kyle Negrete (6-0, 210, Jr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUTS

1 ▶ George Farmer: WR, 6-2, 200

The nation's No. 2 wideout prospect, Farmer has a nice blend of size, speed and catching ability.

2 ▶ Greg Townsend Jr.: DE, 6-4, 255

Townsend is the son of the former Raiders and Eagles defensive end of the same name. The younger Townsend could stay at end or slide inside.

3 ▶ Marqise Lee: S, 6-0, 190

Lee is another talented player out of Serra High in Gardena, Calif. The four-star prospect played a number of positions in high school but projects best at safety. Lee has excellent ball skills and speed and should develop quickly.

4 ▶ Amir Carlisle: RB, 5-11, 190

Carlisle, a four-star Under Armour All-American, was committed to Stanford before switching to the Trojans. Carlisle has excellent hands, speed and runs good routes.

5 ▶ Christian Heyward: DT, 6-2, 270

The signing of Heyward, a four-star prospect from San Diego, came as a surprise, as many recruiting insiders thought Oregon was the likely destination of the Under Armour All-American.

ARIZONA

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WILDCATS

PAC-12 SOUTH

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 8 | Nick Foles (6-5, 240, Sr.) |
| RB | 2 | Keola Antolin (5-8, 195, Sr.) |
| LOT | 68 | Mickey Baucus (6-8, 303, Fr.) |
| LOG | 62 | Chris Putton (6-4, 298, So.) |
| C | 76 | Kyle Quinn (6-2, 300, Jr.) |
| ROG | 72 | Trace Biskin (6-5, 295, Jr.) |
| ROT | 73 | Fabbians Ebbele (6-8, 305, Fr.) |
| TE | 86 | Jack Baucus (6-6, 265, So.) |
| WR | 85 | David Douglas (6-1, 205, Sr.) |
| WR | 81 | David Roberts (6-0, 205, Sr.) |
| WR | 82 | Juron Criner (6-4, 215, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 28 | C.J. Parish (6-2, 245, Sr.) |
| LDT | 43 | Justin Washington (6-2, 280, So.) |
| ROD | 91 | Sione Tuihalamaka (6-2, 280, So.) |
| RDE | 97 | Mohammed Usman (6-2, 245, Sr.) |
| SLB | 41 | Paul Vassallo (6-3, 247, Sr.) |
| MLB | 40 | Derek Earls (6-3, 247, Sr.) |
| WLB | 33 | Jake Fischer (5-11, 225, Jr.) |
| LCB | 24 | Trevin Wade (5-11, 192, Sr.) |
| RCB | 6 | Jonathan McKnight (5-11, 175, So.) |
| FS | 1 | Robert Golden (5-11, 200, Sr.) |
| SS | 4 | Marquis Flowers (6-3, 220, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|---------------------------------|
| K | 14 | Alex Zendejas (5-11, 190, Sr.) |
| P | 13 | Kyle Dugandzic (5-11, 195, Jr.) |

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5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Jared Baker: RB, 5-9, 180

With breakaway speed, excellent vision and a tough running style, Baker was one of the top tailback prospects in the state of California.

2 ▶ Ka'Deem Carey: RB, 5-9, 194

Carey is a local product from Canyon del Oro High in Tucson. He is similar to Jared Baker in that he's fast and has good balance and vision. Carey picked Arizona over Arizona State late in the process.

3 ▶ Rob Hankins: ILB, 6-1, 221

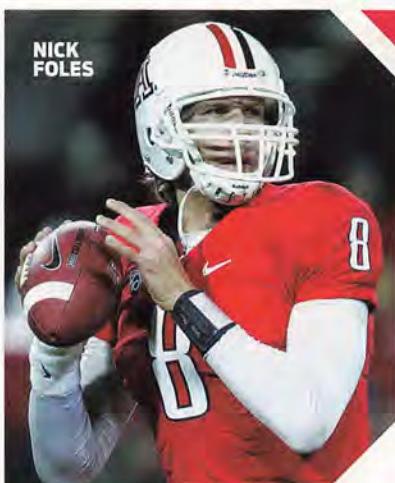
Hankins, a physical defender from Parish Episcopal School in Dallas, picked the Wildcats over Texas A&M, Arkansas and Baylor.

4 ▶ Patrick Onwuasor: WR, 6-2, 194

Onwuasor, from Inglewood, Calif., is a big, strong receiver with good hands and an excellent route-runner. Arizona held off a late push from Miami to get him.

5 ▶ Dominique Petties: LB, 6-2, 210

Coach Mike Stoops went into his brother's state and signed Petties out of Duncan (Okla.) High. He has outstanding upside and is a potential difference-maker.



NICK FOLES



SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT '10 RESULT

| | | |
|------|---------------------|-------------|
| S.3 | Northern Arizona | 10-36 |
| S.8 | @OKLAHOMA STATE | 17-42 |
| S.17 | Stanford | 29-48 |
| S.24 | Oregon | 21-24 |
| O.1 | @USC | 27-29 |
| O.8 | @OREGON STATE | 29-21 |
| O.20 | UCLA | 44-14 |
| O.29 | @WASHINGTON | N.5 |
| N.12 | Utah | @COLORADO |
| N.19 | @ARIZONA STATE | 29-30 (2OT) |
| N.26 | Louisiana-Lafayette | 20-17 |

COACH

Mike Stoops

8th year (40-45)

Career record: 40-45

Offensive coordinator:

Seth Littrell (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Tim Kish (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 7-6 PAC-10: 4-5
(lost to Oklahoma State in the Alamo Bowl, 36-10)

Stadium: Arizona Stadium, (56,002)

Tickets: 800-452-CATS

Site: Tucson

Official athletic Web site:
www.arizonawildcats.com

No team in the Pac-12 South is in better shape at the most important position than Arizona. Nick Foles is one of the league's premier passers while Matt Scott might be the best of the backups. Yet the Wildcats project no higher than fourth in the South and sixth-best overall.

So, yes, there are problems aplenty everywhere else. Topping the list is lack of momentum.

After starting 7-1, the Wildcats imploded when the schedule toughened. They lost their final five games, including a double-overtime home defeat to Arizona State and a blowout to Oklahoma State in the Alamo Bowl.

But even if Arizona recaptures its energy and enthusiasm this summer, personnel problems await eighth-year coach Mike Stoops.

The offensive backfield, where 235-pound tailback Greg Nwoko could miss the season due to a knee injury suffered during spring practice, presents a huge problem. Without Nwoko, the burden shifts to Keola Antolin, who led the Wildcats in rushing last year (668 yards) but is only 5-8 and injury prone.

The offensive line is starting over after the Wildcats lost all five starters, including second-team all-league selections Colin Baxter and Adam Grant. Also, the line has a new position coach in Robert Anae, who spent the past six seasons at BYU. He'll also have a say in the running game.

If not for a first-rate receiving corps that features the fabulous Juron Criner (82 catches, 11 TDs in 2010), the reliable David Douglas and Texas transfer Dan Buckner, the outlook would be even darker for the offense.

Stoops mentioned during spring practice that the Wildcats could be improved defensively at nine positions—and with the rebuilt offensive line, they better be.

The only two positions that figure to regress are left and right end, where Arizona lost a first-rate trio in Brooks Reed, D'Aundre Reed and Ricky Elmore. Watch for C.J. Parish, who missed most of last season with a concussion, to slide into one of the vacancies.

The Wildcats have plenty of good options at defensive tackle; chief among them is Justin Washington, who had 11.5 tackles for loss last season despite injury problems.

All three starters are projected to return at linebacker, led by senior Paul Vassallo. The secondary, which underachieved last season, must be reshuffled. Robert Golden is expected to move from cornerback to safety to help offset the loss (possibly for the season) of starter Adam Hall to a knee injury. Returning starter Trevin Wade figures to start at one cornerback spot, with one of two sophomores—Jonathan McKnight or Shaquille Richardson—filling the other.

GAME-CHANGER

Keola Antolin, RB

A knee injury suffered by power back Greg Nwoko in spring practice means Antolin, who was part of a rotation last season, must carry the running game—all 5-8 of him.

COLORADO

PAC-12 SOUTH

BUFFALOES

It is a new era for Colorado football. The Buffaloes have a new conference, a new coach, a new quarterback situation, a new playbook and a new outlook on life.

Alumnus Jon Embree has taken over for Dan Hawkins as coach. His goal is to recapture past glory as Colorado enters the Pac-12.

When the Buffs were a perennial top-10 program in the late 1980s under coach Bill McCartney, they mined the fertile recruiting grounds of southern California and San Diego, pulling future stars such as Darian Hagan and Rashaan Salaam out of Pac-10 territory.

But the Big 12 years seemed to shift Colorado's center of gravity, as the Buffs couldn't pull elite players out of the Los Angeles basin and never made lasting inroads in Texas. Without those two major talent pipelines, the Buffs devolved into the program you see now—a program in need of rebuilding.

Hawkins is gone after five consecutive losing seasons. Gone also is quarterback Cody Hawkins, the former coach's son whose shadow hung over the position.

The job now belongs to veteran Tyler Hansen with no strings attached.

If he's effective, the Buffs may fare better in their new home than last year's 52-7 loss to California would suggest. They also have enough high-end talent to be competitive in the Pac-12 South, but aren't likely to compete for the division title.

Rodney Stewart is a quality running back (1,318 yards), but there isn't much in the way of proven depth.

The same goes at receiver, where sophomore Paul Richardson, a UCLA transfer, caught 34 passes last season for the Buffaloes. There are no other apparent playmakers at the position.

The offensive line seems to have an adequate replacement for All-America left tackle Nate Solder in sophomore David Bakhtiari. Jack Harris should be solid at the other bookend. But there are questions in the middle.

With talented offenses at USC, Arizona and Arizona State, the Pac-12 South is not the place for a fragile defense. And yet the Buffs, who yielded 40 points or more four times in 2010, have issues at every defensive position.

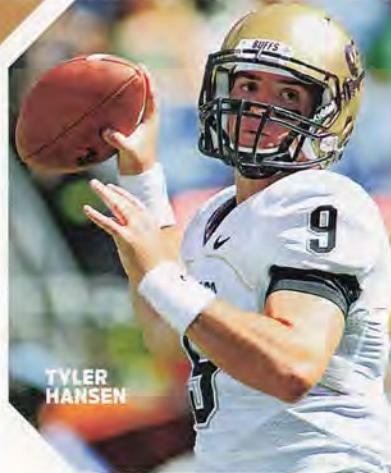
Tackle Will Pericak, linebacker Jon Major and safety Ray Polk form a nice core, but they might not receive steady support. The unit's success depends on whether end Chidera Uzo-Diribe and inside linebacker Doug Rippy become impact players. The Buffs also need someone to step up at cornerback.

The September schedule includes a trip to Ohio State.

GAME-CHANGER

Tyler Hansen, QB

The career statistics (15 TDs, 17 INTs) suggest Hansen is a mediocre quarterback. But the senior from Murrieta, Calif., won't be looking over his shoulder for the first time. If he blossoms into a first-rate passer, the Buffs will be competitive.



PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 9 | Tyler Hansen (6-1, 215, Sr.) |
| FB | 49 | Evan Harrington (5-11, 220, Sr.) |
| RB | 5 | Rodney Stewart (5-6, 175, Sr.) |
| LOT | 59 | David Bakhtiari (6-4, 295, So.) |
| LOG | 63 | Ethan Adkins (6-4, 305, Sr.) |
| C | 52 | Daniel Munyer (6-2, 290, Fr.) |
| ROG | 73 | Ryan Miller (6-8, 310, Sr.) |
| ROT | 75 | Jack Harris (6-5, 290, So.) |
| TE | 34 | Ryan Deehan (6-5, 250, Sr.) |
| WR | 6 | Paul Richardson (6-1, 165, So.) |
| WR | 17 | Toney Clemons (6-2, 205, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 17 | Josh Hartigan (6-1, 220, Sr.) |
| LDT | 83 | Will Pericak (6-4, 285, Jr.) |
| ROT | 93 | Conrad Obi (6-3, 295, Sr.) |
| RDE | 9 | Chidera Uzo-Diribe (6-3, 240, So.) |
| SLB | 31 | Jon Major (6-2, 230, Jr.) |
| MLB | 51 | Doug Rippy (6-2, 225, Jr.) |
| WLB | 12 | Patrick Mahnke (6-1, 210, Sr.) |
| LCB | 13 | Parker Orms (5-11, 180, So.) |
| RCB | 22 | Arthur Jaffee (5-11, 210, Sr.) |
| FS | 26 | Ray Polk (6-1, 215, Jr.) |
| SS | 7 | Anthony Perkins (5-10, 200, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|
| K | 40 | Justin Castor (6-4, 200, So.) |
| P | 15 | Zach Grossnickle (6-2, 190, So.) |

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5-YEAR WINS TREND



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| 5.3 | @HAWAII | 31-13 |
| 5.10 | California | 7-52 |
| 5.17 | Colorado State* | |
| 5.24 | @OHIO STATE | 24-3 |
| 6.1 | Washington State | |
| 6.8 | @STANFORD | |
| 6.15 | @WASHINGTON | |
| 6.22 | Oregon | |
| 6.29 | @ARIZONA STATE | |
| 7.5 | USC | |
| 7.12 | Arizona | |
| 7.19 | @UCLA | |
| 7.26 | @UTAH | |

*at Denver

COACH

Jon Embree

1st year

Offensive coordinator:

Eric Bienemy (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Greg Brown (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 5-7 BIG 12: 2-6

Stadium: Folsom Field (53,750)

Tickets: 800-87-BUFFS

Site: Boulder

Official athletic Web site:

www.cubuffs.com

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Marc Mustoe: OT, 6-7, 275

The in-state product switched his commitment to Colorado from UCLA and is the most highly regarded member of the Buffaloes' 2011 class. He has the frame to carry 320 pounds along with excellent flexibility.

2 ▶ Paulay Asiata: G, 6-5, 285

Asiata was one of the top prospects in the state of Hawaii. He was a recruiting win for new coach Jon Embree, as he was committed to Washington prior to switching to the Buffaloes. Asiata's brother, Johan, plays for the Chicago Bears.

3 ▶ Brady Daigh: LB, 6-2, 230

Daigh, from storied Denver Mullen, had 141 tackles during his senior year. He projects as an inside linebacker and was the first Colorado commitment in the 2011 class.

4 ▶ Woodson Greer: LB, 6-2, 225

Greer, from Serra High in Gardena, Calif., totaled 281 tackles during his high school career and was one of the top 10 linebacker prospects in the Golden State.

5 ▶ Nelson Spruce: WR, 6-2, 190

Spruce, from Westlake Village, Calif., plays faster than he looks.

UCLA

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BRUINS

PAC-12 SOUTH

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-------------------------------------|
| QB | 12 | Richard Brehaut (6-2, 225, Jr.) |
| FB | 7 | Morrell Presley (6-4, 245, Jr.) |
| RB | 23 | Johnathan Franklin (5-10, 198, Jr.) |
| LOT | 74 | Stan Hasiak (6-5, 301, So.) |
| LOG | 72 | Sean Sheller (6-5, 315, Sr.) |
| C | 51 | Kai Maiaue (6-1, 318, Sr.) |
| ROG | 75 | Chris Ward (6-4, 325, So.) |
| ROT | 65 | Mike Harris (6-5, 334, Sr.) |
| TE | 87 | Cory Harkey (6-5, 273, Sr.) |
| WR | 83 | Nelson Rosario (6-5, 218, Sr.) |
| WR | 82 | Taylor Embree (6-3, 205, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------------|
| LDE | 56 | Datone Jones (6-4, 270, Jr.) |
| LDT | 71 | Cassius Marsh (6-4, 295, So.) |
| ROT | 99 | Justin Edison (6-4, 295, Sr.) |
| RDE | 97 | Damien Holmes (6-3, 265, Jr.) |
| SLB | 20 | Glenn Love (6-4, 220, Sr.) |
| MLB | 11 | Sean Westgate (5-11, 223, Sr.) |
| WLB | 35 | Jordan Zumwalt (6-4, 230, So.) |
| LCB | 22 | Sheldon Price (6-2, 180, Jr.) |
| RCB | 21 | Aaron Hester (6-1, 209, Jr.) |
| FS | 1 | Dietrich Riley (6-0, 205, So.) |
| SS | 6 | Tony Dye (5-11, 205, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|----------------------------|
| K | 17 | Kip Smith (6-0, 218, Fr.) |
| P | 18 | Jeff Locke (6-1, 210, Jr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUTS

1 ▶ Brett Hundley: QB, 6-4, 215

The four-star prospect has everything you want in a quarterback: height, a solid arm and good feet. Hundley enrolled early to participate in spring practice.

2 ▶ Kevin McReynolds: DT, 6-3, 295

McReynolds, from St. John's College High in Washington, D.C., was a solid pickup for the Bruins. He has excellent strength and above-average athleticism.

3 ▶ Jake Brendel: C, 6-5, 270

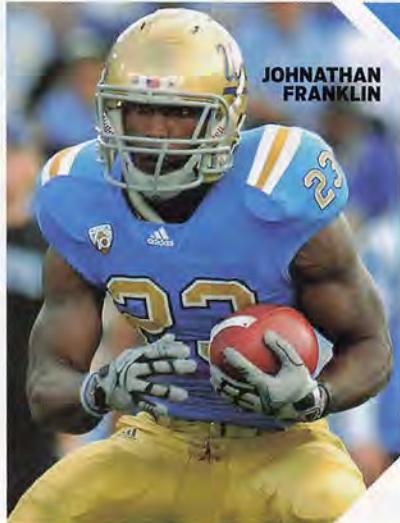
The Bruins went into Plano (Texas) East High and landed Brendel, beating out Arizona, Baylor, Cal and Northwestern for his services. He could play guard if things don't work out at center.

4 ▶ Raymond Nelson: TE, 6-5, 230

Nelson, from Modesto, Calif., is a big athlete with a quick first step. He could develop into a matchup nightmare for linebackers in the passing game. He's the younger brother of UCLA basketball player Reeves Nelson.

5 ▶ Devin Lucien: WR, 6-1, 190

Lucien picked the Bruins over Miami and others. He has good size and hands and is an excellent route-runner.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | 10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|-----------|
| S.3 | @HOUSTON | 31-13 |
| S.10 | San Jose State | |
| S.17 | Texas | 34-12 |
| S.24 | @OREGON STATE | 17-14 |
| O.1 | @STANFORD | 0-35 |
| O.8 | Washington State | 42-28 |
| O.20 | @ARIZONA | 21-29 |
| O.29 | California | 7-35 |
| N.5 | Arizona State | 34-55 |
| N.12 | @UTAH | |
| N.19 | Colorado | |
| N.26 | @USC | 14-28 |

COACH

Rick Neuheisel

4th year (15-22)

Career record: 81-52

Offensive coordinator:

Mike Johnson (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Joe Tresey (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 4-8 PAC-10: 2-7

Stadium: Rose Bowl (91,500)

Tickets: 310-UCLA-WIN

Site: Los Angeles

Official athletic Web site:

www.uclabruins.com

By any reasonable measure, UCLA football is a mess.

The Bruins went 4-8 last season and finished with a losing conference record for the third consecutive year. They overhauled the coaching staff and launched a desperate, lengthy search for a new defensive coordinator. They have big questions at quarterback. The fan base is apathetic, and coach Rick Neuheisel is on the sizzling seat after compiling a 15-22 record in three years.

Even though the Bruins return 16 of 22 starters, a quick turnaround won't be easy.

For one thing, the early-season schedule features four difficult games against Texas and at Houston, at Oregon State and at Stanford. If the Bruins struggle early, the season could implode.

What's more, the returning starters must get comfortable with a bevy of new assistants.

Gone is offensive coordinator Norm Chow. He'll be replaced by Mike Johnson, formerly of the San Francisco 49ers.

Joe Tresey, whose previous employer was the Omaha Nighthawks of the United Football League, will take over for Chuck Bullough as defensive coordinator. The Bruins also hired Nevada assistant Jim Mastro to upgrade the Pistol offense Neuheisel installed a year ago.

UCLA's problem in 2010 wasn't the running game but the aerial attack, which was nonexistent with 141.1 yards per game. That won't change unless there's dramatic improvement at quarterback.

The contenders are oft-injured junior Kevin Prince (recovering from knee surgery), junior Richard Brehaut and heralded true freshman Brett Hundley.

The Bruins have talented pieces elsewhere on offense in tailback Johnathan Franklin and receivers Nelson Rosario, Josh Smith, Taylor Embree (the son of Colorado coach Jon Embree) and speedy Randall Carroll. Fullback Morrell Presley also has the ability to become an impact player.

The line, a trouble spot of late, should be solid if the starters can stay eligible and healthy. Tackle Jeff Baca broke his ankle in spring practice and it is uncertain whether he'll be ready for the season opener.

The defensive outlook isn't encouraging, either. The Bruins allowed 30.3 points and 420.1 yards per game last season and must replace their top playmakers in linebacker Akeem Ayers and safety Rahim Moore. End Datone Jones has all-league potential, as do safety Tony Dye and linebacker Jordan Zumwalt. But the Bruins won't stop anybody if they don't get tougher.

GAME-CHANGER

Johnathan Franklin, RB

UCLA doesn't know who the quarterback will be. But, if Franklin can replicate his 2010 production (1,127 yards) while cutting down on fumbles, life will be much easier for the Bruins.



PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

STOCK REPORT UP DOWN STEADY
BOWL PROJECTIONS

East

- 1** ▲ SOUTHERN CAROLINA
Gator Bowl
- 2** ▲ FLORIDA
Capital One Bowl
- 3** ▲ GEORGIA
Chick-fil-A Bowl
- 4** ▲ TENNESSEE
Liberty Bowl
- 5** ▼ KENTUCKY
- 6** ▲ VANDERBILT

West

- 1** ▲ LSU
BCS National Championship
- 2** ▲ ALABAMA
Sugar Bowl
- 3** ▲ ARKANSAS
Outback Bowl
- 4** ▲ MISSISSIPPI STATE
Cotton Bowl
- 5** ▼ AUBURN
Music City Bowl
- 6** ▼ OLE MISS

TRENDING

1 It's the year of the running back in the SEC: Trent Richardson, Marcus Lattimore, Brandon Bolden, Vick Ballard, Knile Davis, Michael Dyer, Chris Rainey, etc.



Don't bet against this league's dominance ending anytime soon

By Scott Rabalais *The (Baton Rouge, La.) Advocate*

Nick Fairley was able to post this bit of braggadocio on his Twitter page the night of Jan. 10: "The State of Alabama runs College Football!"

As we say in the South, it ain't bragging if you can back it up. And right now Alabama (the home of the last two BCS national champions and last two Heisman Trophy winners), and the Southeastern Conference as a whole, backs it up better than anyone.

For those gazing forlornly at empty trophy cases elsewhere, the SEC scorecard reads like this over the last five years:

- Five straight BCS titles.
- Three of the last four Heisman winners.
- Twenty-five teams ranked in the final AP Top 25.
- Thirty-seven weeks as the AP No. 1.
- An 8-2 record in BCS bowl games.
- Thirty bowl wins and 46 postseason appearances.

In all of those stats, the SEC—like it has after five straight BCS title games—ranks first.

The SEC's era of dominance has been so profound that it even astounds the man who watches it unfold every week.

"That's the most amazing part," SEC commissioner Mike Slive said after Auburn beat

2 In an effort to deal with spread offenses, lighter, quicker linebackers are emerging like Arkansas' Jerico Nelson, Tennessee's Herman Lathers and LSU's Ryan Baker.

Oregon for the conference's latest title. "It may be a record that will never be broken."

That may be true—unless the SEC adds to its own amazing mark in 2011.

Each successive season would seem to make it more likely that the SEC's streak will end, except for the fact that the conference continues to churn out prime national title contenders.

Then again, who knows? No one saw Auburn and Cam Newton coming last season.

For those clamoring for a college football playoff, perhaps a visit to Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Nov. 5 is in order. That's the day LSU and Alabama clash in a game likely to not only determine SEC West supremacy, but one that may serve as a sort of BCS quarterfinal playoff game. The SEC championship game has already been a de facto BCS semifinal the last few years, anyway.

Certainly, there has been a dark side to the SEC's unprecedented football success. There were rumors for months regarding irregularities in Newton's recruitment based on reports out of Mississippi State, and there have been investigations at LSU and Tennessee as well.

In the end, though, the SEC manages to set aside distractions and put its best product on the field.

3 Aside from Arkansas games in Little Rock and Georgia-Florida in Jacksonville, five schools (LSU, South Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia and Arkansas) play games at neutral sites.

RATING THE SEC

► FASTEST RECEIVER

Justin Hunter, Tennessee

A sprinter for the Vols' track team, Hunter will soon be flying past a DB near you.

► BEST HANDS

Alshon Jeffery, WR, South Carolina

He'll be a marked man in the Gamecocks' offense this year, but will still produce in a very big way.

► BEST PASSING QB

Aaron Murray, Georgia

One of two returning 3,000-yard passers in the SEC (USC's Stephen Garcia is the other), but without the baggage.

► BEST RUNNING QB

Jordan Jefferson, LSU

Sometimes he takes off too early, but when he gets going he's a poor man's Cam Newton.

► MOST ELUSIVE RB

Knile Davis, Arkansas

One of those backs who never seems to give you a square shot at bringing him down.

► BEST INSTINCTS

Vick Ballard, RB, Mississippi State

Doesn't overwhelm you with moves or speed; all he does is find the end zone.

► BEST ATHLETE

Da'Rick Rogers, WR, Tennessee

Along with being a good receiver, Rogers is one of the nation's best long jumpers in his "spare time."

► BEST UNDER PRESSURE

Trent Richardson, RB, Alabama

When the Crimson Tide needs to move the chains in a tight game, see who gets the ball.

► TOP NFL PROSPECT

Mark Barron, SS, Alabama

Has the size, speed and hitting ability that pro scouts crave.

► TOP IMPACT FROSH

Jadeveon Clowney, DT, South Carolina

The nation's consensus No. 1 prep prospect was counted on as a starter the moment he signed.

► HARDEST HITTER

Craig Loston, S, LSU

Loston slammed into you while you were reading this magazine. You just don't remember it.

► BIGGEST OVERACHIEVER

Brandon Bolden, RB, Ole Miss

You wouldn't think Bolden can do all the things he does—run, catch, return kicks—but he does them better than almost anyone.

► BEST INTERVIEW

T.J. Greenstone, DT, Vanderbilt

Those Vandy guys are always among the SEC's most articulate and introspective subjects. Greenstone, a perennial SEC Academic Honor Roll selection, is tops.

► BEST COACH

Nick Saban, Alabama

Does your coach have a 9-foot tall bronze statue? Didn't think so.

► BEST RECRUITER

Trooper Taylor, Auburn

His ability to draw players to the Plains has had as much to do with Auburn's renaissance as anything.

► BEST ROAD TRIP

Nashville

The SEC's most cosmopolitan city—and your team is almost certain to win.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

by Brian McLaughlin, *Sporting News*



1 ► ALABAMA When OT Cyrus Kouandjio made it official after Signing Day and inked with the Crimson Tide, Alabama took the mythical national recruiting title.

2 ► AUBURN Nobody in the country came on stronger down the stretch than the Tigers, and wresting Christian Westerman away from Texas was huge.

3 ► GEORGIA The Bulldogs protected the state borders well, taking home Ray Drew, Isaiah Crowell and a host of other talented players.

4 ► LSU What's new? The Tigers cleaned house in-state, locking in players such as La'el Collins early on.

5 ► SOUTH CAROLINA When Jadeveon Clowney inked with the Gamecocks a few days after National Signing Day, fans rejoiced.

6 ► TENNESSEE Just like in 2010, the Volunteers were extremely active down the stretch. Running back Marlin Lane was a big out-of-state pickup, as was in-state OT Antonio Richardson.

7 ► OLE MISS Probably the biggest coup was getting LB C.J. Johnson to switch over from Mississippi State.

8 ► FLORIDA The coaching transition helped keep this year's class a bit low (19 signees), but getting players such as DB Marcus Roberson made it a solid group.

9 ► ARKANSAS This year's class was huge (30 signees), and there were a handful of nice prospects like OL Brey Cook.

10 ► MISSISSIPPI STATE The Bulldogs did well in-state, but competing against the rest of the SEC for recruits elsewhere is a challenge.

11 ► VANDERBILT The Commodores nabbed a great dual-threat QB in Lafonte Thorougood, a player many programs coveted.

12 ► KENTUCKY The Wildcats are happy with pickups like OT Darrian Miller and RB Marcus Caffey.

ALL-SEC

OFFENSE

QB Aaron Murray, So., Georgia

RB Trent Richardson, Jr., Alabama

RB Marcus Lattimore, So., South Carolina

OL Barrett Jones, Jr., Alabama

OL Rokevious Watkins, Sr., South Carolina

OL Larry Warford, Jr., Kentucky

OL William Vlachos, Sr., Alabama

OL Bradley Sowell, Sr., Ole Miss

TE Orson Charles, Jr., Georgia

WR Alshon Jeffery, Jr., South Carolina

WR Rueben Randle, Jr., LSU

DEFENSE

DL Jake Bequette, Sr., Arkansas

DL Devin Taylor, Jr., South Carolina

DL Travian Robertson, Sr., South Carolina

DL Malik Jackson, Sr., Tennessee

LB Jerry Franklin, Sr., Arkansas

LB Dont'a Hightower, Jr., Alabama

LB Danny Trevathan, Sr., Kentucky

DB Morris Claiborne, Jr., LSU

DB Mark Barron, Sr., Alabama

DB Stephon Gilmore, Jr., South Carolina

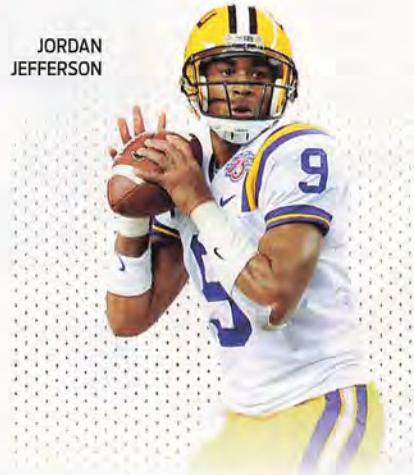
DB Casey Hayward, Sr., Vanderbilt

SPECIALISTS

K Blair Walsh, Sr., Georgia

P Drew Butler, Sr., Georgia

JORDAN JEFFERSON



ASCENDING

LSU

These Tigers have an enviable blend of experience and youthful enthusiasm. If QB Jordan Jefferson becomes a consistent force, LSU can go all the way—to New Orleans.



DESCENDING

AUBURN

Take away Cam Newton, Nick Fairley and four-fifths of the offensive line with the best chemistry in the SEC, and you can see where these Tigers are headed.



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SOUTH CAROLINA



SEC EAST



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------|------------|
| S.3 | East Carolina* | |
| S.10 | @GEORGIA | 17-6 |
| S.17 | Navy | |
| S.24 | Vanderbilt | 21-7 |
| O.1 | Auburn | 27-35 |
| O.8 | Kentucky | 28-31 |
| O.15 | @MISSISSIPPI STATE | |
| O.29 | @TENNESSEE | 38-24 |
| N.5 | @ARKANSAS | 20-41 |
| N.12 | Florida | 36-14 |
| N.19 | Citadel | |
| N.26 | Clemson | 29-7 |

*at Charlotte

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Steve Spurrier

7th year (44-33)

Career record: 186-73-2

Offensive coordinator:

Steve Spurrier (7th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Ellis Johnson (4th year)

FAST FACTS

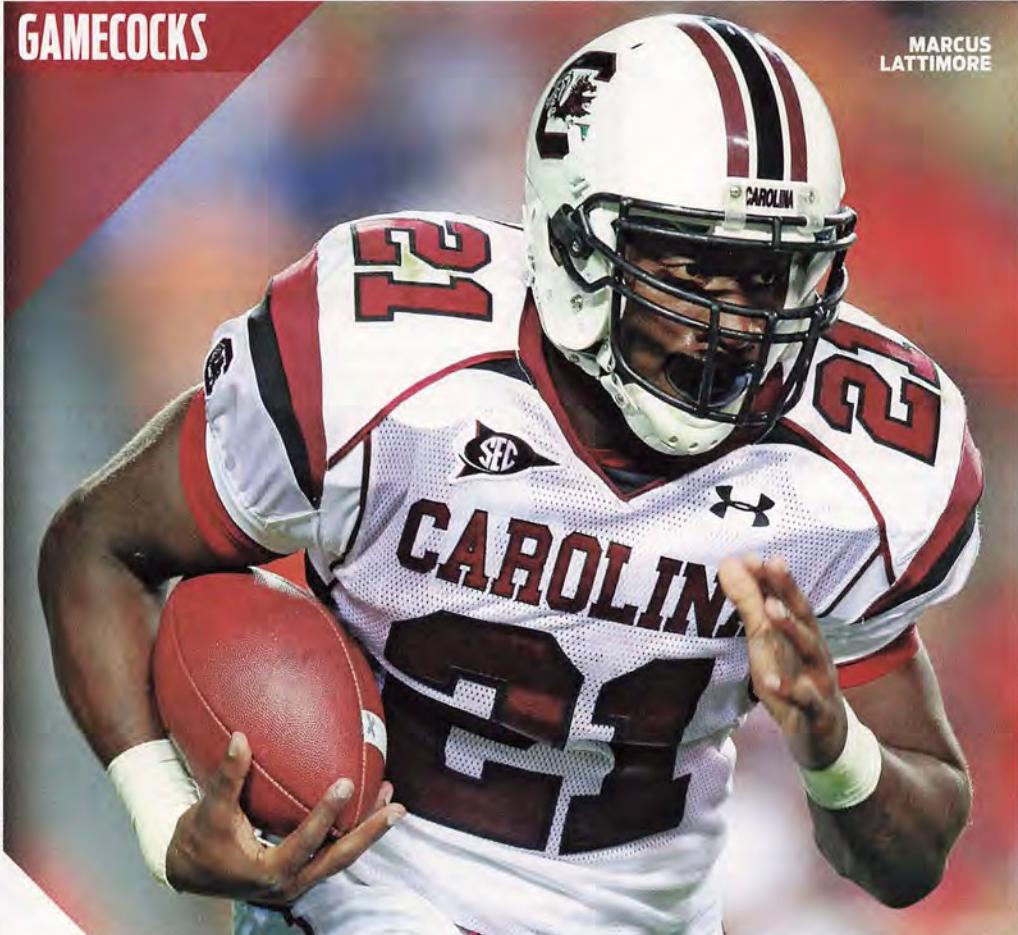
2010 RECORD: 9-5 SEC: 5-3

(lost to Florida State in the Chick-fil-A Bowl, 26-17)

Stadium: Williams-Brice Stadium
(80,250)**Tickets:** 800-472-3267**Site:** Columbia**Official athletic Web site:**
www.uscsports.com

GAMECOCKS

MARCUS LATTIMORE



Maybe they should call it Chicken Curse Version 2.0.

After years of chasing football fortunes that were close enough to see but too far away to touch, South Carolina finally broke through in 2010. In a game dripping with consequences, the Gamecocks went to Gainesville Nov. 13 and clinched their first SEC East title with an emphatic 36-14 rout of Florida, marking one of the greatest victories in program history.

South Carolina's reward: a trip to the SEC championship game and a date with an undefeated Auburn team playing its best game of the season. The Tigers rolled en route to the BCS title, thumping the Gamecocks 56-17. On New Year's Eve, South Carolina was back in Atlanta and lost to Florida State 26-17 in the Chick-fil-A Bowl, finishing with a 9-5 mark.

Fast forward to this spring. With Florida breaking in a new coaching staff and Georgia and Tennessee still floundering, South Carolina was immediately installed as the SEC East favorite. The disappointments of December faded into the promise of a new season, complete with a three-year contract extension for coach Steve Spurrier.

Then came the kind of news that could drive Gamecocks fans to drink: South Carolina indefinitely suspended senior quarterback Stephen Garcia in April after he reportedly became loud and disruptive at a mandatory leadership seminar, with alcohol detected on his breath.

"Stephen has exhibited behavior that is unacceptable for one of our student-athletes," said South Carolina athletic director Eric Hyman in announcing Garcia's suspension. "Therefore, he has forfeited the privilege to participate in any football-related activity until further notice."

Suddenly, the blue skies turned dark for Gamecocks Nation. It was like playing The Masters at nearby Augusta National by first stripping all the petals off the azaleas.

"We'll progress and move on from here," said Spurrier grimly.

"We'll try to stay focused," added defensive end Devin Taylor.

The Gamecocks played their spring game without Garcia, and the results weren't overwhelming. Sophomore Connor Shaw, the heir apparent, was 17 of 27 for 176 yards and a touchdown for the Black team. The quarterbacks for



the Garnet team, sophomore Andrew Clifford and freshman Dylan Thompson, threw a combined three interceptions.

Still, it would be premature to write off the Gamecocks' hopes of again climbing to the top of the SEC East—just as it would be premature to assume Garcia will never play for South Carolina again. A final decision was expected sometime in the summer.

Whoever plays quarterback will have some exceptional targets—and it all starts with junior wide receiver Alshon Jeffery.

Jeffery quickly evolved into one of the nation's best receivers last year with a record-breaking campaign, pulling in 88 catches for 1,517 yards and nine touchdowns. Trying to keep opposing defenses honest will be fellow wideouts D.L. Moore (17 catches, 164 yards, 2 TDs) and Ace Sanders (25, 316, 2).

Marcus Lattimore, the 2010 National Freshman of the Year, is back for an encore at tailback after rushing for 1,197 yards and 17 TDs, the best season by a Gamecock running back since George Rogers won the 1980 Heisman Trophy.

The offensive line is a question mark after losing three starters, though center T.J. Johnson returns after starting every game the last two seasons. This unit will earn more confidence if incoming freshman offensive tackle Brandon Shell can contribute despite offseason shoulder surgery.

The biggest story on defense is the much-anticipated arrival of the nation's No. 1 recruit, defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, and just how much playing time he will get. Whether he can emerge as an instant starter is in question, so he'll begin at right end as an understudy to senior Melvin Ingram. Overall, the front six returns intact.

The biggest non-Garcia related issue South Carolina has is on pass defense, as the Gamecocks gave up 241.9 yards per game last year. The emphasis in the spring was to play more man-to-man coverage. Senior Akeem Auguste returns to cornerback, his natural position, after playing free safety in 2010. Sophomore Jimmy Legree figures to fill Auguste's spot. All-SEC-caliber corner Stephon Gilmore (79 tackles and 3 INTs, both team highs) mans the other cornerback position. Senior Antonio Allen returns to the "Spur" position after recording 70 tackles in 2010 with 10.5 for loss.

Senior Jay Wooten, a former University of North Carolina specialist, could handle kicking and punting duties as he tries to become this year's Spencer Lanning.

RECRUITING REPORT

Any discussion about the 2011 South Carolina recruiting class has to begin with the nation's top prospect, Jadeveon Clowney.

A 6-6, 245-pound torpedo off the edge, Clowney is one of the most talented high school prospects in the last decade. The Rock Hill, S.C., native should make an instant impact as a pass rusher and follow in the footsteps of Alshon Jeffery and Marcus Lattimore as an in-state player who is an early difference-maker for the Gamecocks.

Though Clowney is the star of this class, the Gamecocks brought

in plenty of other talent from the Palmetto State. Brandon Shell is the nephew of NFL Hall of Famer Art Shell and one of the top offensive linemen in the nation. Shamier Jeffery is the brother of Alshon and brings similar athleticism. Another in-state prospect, Phillip Dukes, will be a major force on the defensive interior.

Steve Spurrier went to New Jersey to land two solid recruits: Damiere Byrd, one of the fastest prospects in the country at wide receiver, and elite safety prospect Sheldon Royster.

—Barton Simmons, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

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|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 5 | Stephen Garcia (6-2, 230, Sr.) |
| | 14 | Connor Shaw (6-1, 202, So.) |
| FB | 46 | Dalton Wilson (6-1, 223, Jr.) |
| | 48 | Matt Coffee (5-11, 230, So.) |
| RB | 21 | Marcus Lattimore (6-0, 231, So.) |
| | 31 | Kenny Miles (5-10, 184, Jr.) |
| LOT | 68 | Kyle Nunn (6-5, 296, Sr.) |
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| LOG | 50 | A.J. Cann (6-3, 304, Fr.) |
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| | 61 | Travis Ford (6-2, 265, So.) |
| ROG | 60 | Terrence Campbell (6-3, 295, Sr.) |
| | 74 | Kaleb Broome (6-5, 319, Jr.) |
| ROT | 73 | Rokevious Watkins (6-4, 334, Sr.) |
| | 78 | Cody Gibson (6-6, 282, Fr.) |
| TE | 87 | Justice Cunningham (6-3, 262, Jr.) |
| | 95 | Corey Simmons (6-4, 263, Fr.) |
| WR | 9 | Ace Sanders (5-7, 173, So.) |
| | 4 | Jason Barnes (6-4, 213, Sr.) |
| WR | 1 | Alshon Jeffery (6-4, 233, Jr.) |
| | 19 | DeAngelo Smith (6-0, 191, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|------|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 98 | Devin Taylor (6-7, 248, Jr.) |
| | 92 | Byron McKnight (6-5, 242, Sr.) |
| LDT | 42 | Travian Robertson (6-4, 298, Sr.) |
| | 70 | Byron Jerideau (6-0, 315, Jr.) |
| RDT | 57 | Aldrick Fordham (6-4, 273, Jr.) |
| | 99 | Kelcy Quarles (6-3, 271, Fr.) |
| RDE | 6 | Melvin Ingram (6-2, 271, Sr.) |
| | | Jadeveon Clowney (6-6, 245, Fr.) |
| SPUR | 26 | Antonio Allen (6-2, 208, Sr.) |
| | 21 | DeVonte Holloman (6-2, 226, Jr.) |
| MLB | 16 | Shaq Wilson (5-11, 233, Jr.) |
| | 32 | Reginald Bowens (6-2, 246, Jr.) |
| WLB | 45 | Rodney Paultz (6-0, 229, Sr.) |
| | 24 | Quin Smith (6-0, 230, Jr.) |
| LCB | 5 | Stephon Gilmore (6-1, 194, Jr.) |
| | 27 | Victor Hampton (5-9, 194, Fr.) |
| RCB | 3 | Akeem Auguste (5-10, 183, Sr.) |
| | 12 | C.C. Whitlock (5-10, 181, Sr.) |
| FS | 35 | Jimmy Legree (5-11, 180, So.) |
| | 4 | Brison Williams (5-10, 206, Jr.) |
| SS | 36 | D.J. Swearinger (5-11, 206, Jr.) |
| | 7 | Corey Addison (6-0, 209, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

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| K | 18 | Jay Wooten (6-3, 203, Sr.) |
| P | 18 | Jay Wooten (6-3, 203, Sr.) |

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RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|--------|-------------|------|------|----|-------|
| Stephen Garcia | GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg/G |
| | 14 | 148.7 | 349-224-14 | 64.2 | 3059 | 20 | 218.5 |

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|------------------|----|------|-----|------|----|-------|
| Marcus Lattimore | GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
| | 13 | 249 | 197 | 4.8 | 17 | 92.1 |

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|-----|------|------|----|-------|
| Alshon Jeffery | GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
| | 14 | 88 | 1517 | 17.2 | 9 | 108.4 |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| | | | | |
|-----------------|----|------|--------|-------|
| Stephon Gilmore | GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
| | 14 | 66 | 13 | 79 |

| | | | |
|---------------|----|-----|-------|
| Melvin Ingram | GP | No. | Yards |
| | 14 | 9.0 | 65 |

INTERCEPTIONS

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| Stephon Gilmore | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
| | 3 | 97 | 32.3 | 1 |

2010 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS

| | USC | OPP | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| SCORING | 433 | 324 | | | | |
| Points Per Game | 30.9 | 23.1 | | | | |
| FIRST DOWNS | 288 | 260 | | | | |
| Rushing | 130 | 100 | | | | |
| Passing | 142 | 147 | | | | |
| Penalty | 16 | 13 | | | | |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2161 | 1574 | | | | |
| Yards gained rushing | 2477 | 2003 | | | | |
| Yards lost rushing | 316 | 429 | | | | |
| Rushing Attempts | 522 | 467 | | | | |
| Average Per Rush | 4.1 | 3.4 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 154.4 | 112.4 | | | | |
| TDs Rushing | 26 | 13 | | | | |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 3338 | 3387 | | | | |
| Att-Cmp-Int | 252-389-17 | 289-460-10 | | | | |
| Average Per Pass | 8.6 | 7.4 | | | | |
| Average Per Catch | 13.2 | 11.7 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 238.4 | 241.9 | | | | |
| TDs Passing | 23 | 23 | | | | |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 5499 | 4961 | | | | |
| Total Plays | 911 | 927 | | | | |
| Average Per Play | 6.0 | 5.4 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 392.8 | 354.4 | | | | |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 54-1103 | 72-1489 | | | | |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 19-65 | 30-280 | | | | |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 10-252 | 17-54 | | | | |
| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
| South Carolina | 130 | 132 | 82 | 89 | 0 | 433 |
| Opponent | 67 | 84 | 76 | 97 | 0 | 324 |

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SEC EAST

**SCHEDULE**

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Florida Atlantic | |
| S.10 | UAB | |
| S.17 | Tennessee | 31-17 |
| S.24 | @KENTUCKY | 48-14 |
| O.1 | Alabama | 6-31 |
| O.8 | @LSU | 29-33 |
| O.15 | @AUBURN | |
| O.29 | @GEORGIA* | 34-31 (OT) |
| N.5 | Vanderbilt | 55-14 |
| N.12 | @SOUTH CAROLINA | 14-36 |
| N.19 | Furman | |
| N.26 | Florida State | 7-31 |

* Jacksonville, Fla.

5-YEAR WINS TREND**COACH****Will Muschamp**

1st year

Offensive coordinator:

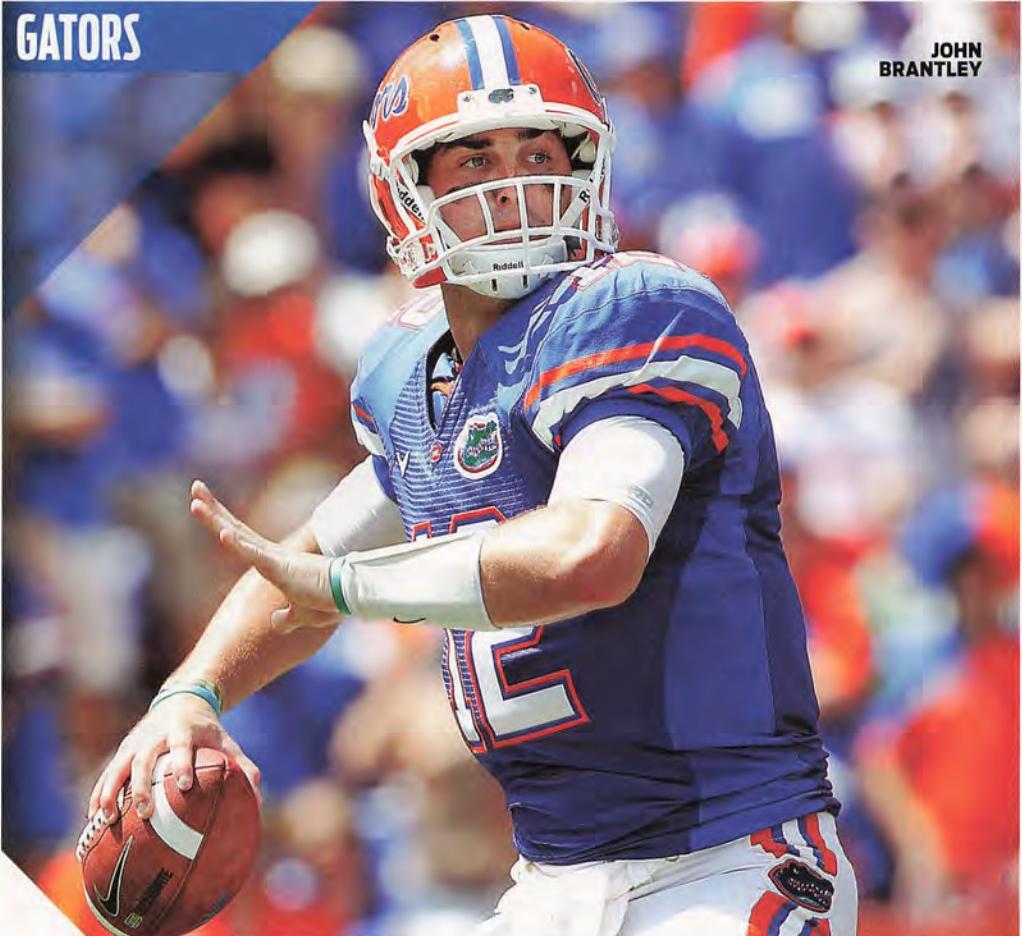
Charlie Weis (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Dan Quinn (1st year)

FAST FACTS**2010 RECORD:** 8-5 SEC: 4-4
(beat Penn State in the Outback Bowl, 37-24)**Stadium:** Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (88,548)**Tickets:** 877-428-6742**Site:** Gainesville**Official athletic Web site:**
www.gatorzone.com**FLORIDA****GATORS**

JOHN BRANTLEY



Since his hiring in December, new coach Will Muschamp has spoken about doing things the "Florida Way," which essentially is about adhering to the school's code of conduct.

It wasn't long before the former Georgia safety was putting his principles where his mouth was. In April, starting cornerback Janoris Jenkins was arrested for marijuana possession, his second such arrest this year and third in the last 23 months.

Soon after, Muschamp dismissed Jenkins from the Florida program, whose players have racked up more than 30 arrests since the start of the Urban Meyer era in 2005.

Apparently, there's a new pope in town.

"Playing at the University of Florida is a privilege, not a right," Muschamp says. "I told them change is inevitable, growth is optional. If you don't want to grow, there's the door."

"We expect our guys to act a certain way and act the right way."

The cynical reaction is that it's easy for Muschamp to be a hard-line old-schooler now, before he's coached his first game.

But there's no question that the pressure to win at Florida is always there, and that a player

of Jenkins' talent and experience level could definitely have helped the Gators do that.

Certainly the opportunity to win the muddled SEC East is there with Tennessee still rebuilding, Georgia in disarray and South Carolina trying to decide what to do with its own problem child, quarterback Stephen Garcia.

For now, Muschamp's decision on Jenkins is certain to be a popular one among the no-nonsense members of Gator Nation, a group that some observers believe has been more excited about new offensive coordinator Charlie Weis than Muschamp.

Muschamp said he wanted a "wow factor" with his hiring of an offensive coordinator. Mission accomplished. The former Notre Dame head coach is back in the college game after a season in which he helped the Kansas City Chiefs make a surprise run to the playoffs.

For his efforts, Weis will reportedly make \$750,000 this season and \$865,000 next year. Muschamp was hired for about \$2.7 million per season. He was making \$900,000 as the coach-in-waiting and defensive coordinator at Texas.

Muschamp will undoubtedly have a significant



role in the defense, though he brought in longtime NFL assistant Dan Quinn (most recently with the Seattle Seahawks) to handle the day-to-day operations. Muschamp and Quinn once coached together under Nick Saban with the Miami Dolphins.

With Jenkins gone, Muschamp and Quinn have just four returning starters to work with from a defense that ranked second in the SEC last season, allowing a stingy 306.5 yards per game.

Linebackers Jelani Jenkins and Jon Bostic return after ranking second and third, respectively, among Gator tacklers with 76 and 57 stops in 2010. Also returning is junior defensive tackle Omar Hunter (he comes out of the spring listed behind sophomore Sharrif Floyd) and junior cornerback Jeremy Brown, who recorded three interceptions in 2010. Sophomore Gerald Christian made a spring move from tight end to linebacker and is penciled in as a starter there.

Offensively, it would appear that Weis has more issues to deal with, mostly because the quarterback situation doesn't seem to have changed much from last season.

Most of Florida's spring practices were closed, but the spring game was there for everyone to see. And what they saw was senior quarterback John Brantley (2,061 yards, 9 TDs, 10 INTs last season) struggling again to move the offense, though Florida coaches said he completed 70 percent in his spring practices overall.

It won't help that the offensive line has to be rebuilt, with only one returning starter in junior left tackle Xavier Nixon. Florida's youthful defensive line featuring Hunter, Floyd, sophomore Ronald Powell and Dominique Easley dominated a banged-up offensive front (which was without players such as oft-injured starting right tackle Matt Patchan) in the spring game.

The good news is there are some potent resources for Weis. They include the Gators' top three rushers from 2010 in Jeff Demps (551 yards, 3 TDs), Chris Rainey (366, 2) and Trey Burton (349, team-high 11).

Senior wide receiver Deonte Thompson is also back after leading the Gators with 570 yards, but he had just one touchdown in 2010. Following spring practice, Muschamp had praise for sophomore tight end Jordan Reed, who had six catches for 79 yards and a touchdown as a freshman.

Junior kicker Caleb Sturgis returns and is expected to be healthy after a back injury limited him last season. Freshman Kyle Christy takes over the punting duties.

RECRUITING REPORT

Faced with a coaching change and the re-emergence of in-state rival Florida State as a recruiting power, the Gators had some obstacles in the class of 2011 yet still managed to bring home a top-15 caliber class.

All-everything quarterback Jeff Driskel leads Florida's recruiting haul. He has a big arm, good size and elite athleticism. Jacoby Brissett, another big, athletic, strong-armed quarterback who also excels on the basketball court, joins Driskel. Between the two, new offensive coordinator Charlie Weis has some phenomenal talent with which to work.

The recent lack of a true running

back was addressed in the 2011 class by new coach Will Muschamp. Mike Blakely, one of the top tailbacks in the country, could make an early impact for the Gators.

Big, fast wideout Ja'Juan Story and slot receiver Javares McRoy add to the incoming offensive talent in Gainesville.

On defense, there are many outstanding secondary prospects who look ready to compete. There will also be another Burton added to the mix as Clay, younger brother of Florida freshman QB sensation Trey, signed with Florida as a defensive end.

Barton Simmons, 247Sports



GAME-CHANGER

Quinton Dunbar, WR

Dunbar saw action in just two games last season, but there was no holding him back during spring practice. Don't be surprised if he emerges as Florida's best deep threat by midseason.

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

| John Brantley | GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg/G |
|---------------|-------|------------|-------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 13 | 116.4 | 329-200-10 | 60.8 | 2061 | 9 | 158.5 | |

RUSHING

| Jeffery Demps | GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
|---------------|----|------|-----|------|------|-------|
| 11 | 92 | 551 | 6.0 | 3 | 50.1 | |

RECEIVING

| Deonte Thompson | GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg/G |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|
| 13 | 38 | 570 | 15.0 | 1 | 43.8 | |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| Jelani Jenkins | GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
|----------------|----|------|--------|-------|
| 13 | 41 | 35 | 76 | |

SACKS

| Jaye Howard | GP | No. | Yards |
|-------------|-----|-----|-------|
| 11 | 3.0 | 16 | |

INTERCEPTIONS

| Jonathan Bostic | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|-----------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| 3 | 9 | 3.0 | 0 | |
| Jeremy Brown | 3 | 56 | 18.7 | 1 |

SACKS BY-YARDS

| Janoris Jenkins | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
|-----------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| 3 | 68 | 22.7 | 1 | |

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | |
|--------|-------------------------------------|
| QB 12 | John Brantley (6-3, 220, Sr.) |
| 10 | Tyler Murphy (6-2, 192, Fr.) |
| RB 3 | Chris Rainey (5-9, 175, Sr.) |
| 2 | Jeff Demps (5-8, 181, Sr.) |
| LOT 73 | Xavier Nixon (6-6, 290, Jr.) |
| 64 | Kyle Koehne (6-5, 300, So.) |
| LOG 77 | Ian Silberman (6-5, 285, So.) |
| 66 | James Wilson (6-4, 324, Sr.) |
| C 72 | Jonothan Harrison (6-3, 300, So.) |
| 50 | Sam Robey (6-3, 302, Jr.) |
| ROG 67 | Jon Halapio (6-3, 303, So.) |
| 58 | Nick Alajajian (6-4, 295, So.) |
| ROT 75 | Chaz Green (6-5, 289, Fr.) |
| 71 | Matt Patchan (6-6, 292, Jr.) |
| TE 11 | Jordan Reed (6-3, 237, So.) |
| 81 | A.C. Leonard (6-4, 245, Fr.) |
| WR 82 | Omarious Hines (6-2, 211, Jr.) |
| 4 | Andre Debose (5-11, 180, So.) |
| WR 85 | Frankie Hammond Jr. (6-1, 176, Jr.) |
| 84 | Quinton Dunbar (6-1, 170, So.) |
| WR 6 | Deonte Thompson (6-0, 200, Sr.) |
| 83 | Solomon Patton (5-9, 175, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| LDE 7 | Ronald Powell (6-4, 250, So.) |
| 23 | Chris Martin (6-4, 240, Fr.) |
| LDT 73 | Sharrif Floyd (6-3, 303, So.) |
| 6 | Jaye Howard (6-3, 302, Sr.) |
| RDT 58 | Dominique Easley (6-2, 278, So.) |
| 99 | Omar Hunter (6-1, 305, Jr.) |
| RDE 96 | William Green (6-4, 245, Sr.) |
| 91 | Earl Okine (6-7, 282, Jr.) |
| SLB 34 | Lerentee McCray (6-2, 241, Jr.) |
| 25 | Gideon Ajagbe (6-3, 212, Fr.) |
| MLB 52 | Jon Bostic (6-1, 238, Jr.) |
| 51 | Michael Taylor (6-0, 217, Fr.) |
| WLB 43 | Jelani Jenkins (6-1, 223, So.) |
| 13 | Dee Finley (6-2, 219, Jr.) |
| LCB 8 | Jeremy Brown (5-10, 184, Jr.) |
| 36 | Moses Jenkins (6-3, 183, Sr.) |
| RCB 31 | Cody Riggs (5-9, 166, So.) |
| 26 | DeAnte Saunders (5-8, 173, Fr.) |
| FS 24 | Josh Evans (6-1, 195, Jr.) |
| 29 | Josh Shaw (6-3, 186, So.) |
| SS 22 | Matt Elam (5-10, 199, So.) |
| 14 | Jaylen Watkins (5-11, 183, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

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|------|--------------------------------|
| K 19 | Caleb Sturgis (5-11, 196, Sr.) |
| P 41 | Kyle Christy (6-3, 189, Fr.) |

2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | FLORIDA | OPP |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING | 388 | 277 |
| Points Per Game | 29.8 | 21.3 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 247 | 231 |
| Rushing | 108 | 104 |
| Passing | 122 | 107 |
| Penalty | 17 | 20 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2165 | 1698 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2580 | 1964 |
| Yards lost rushing | 415 | 266 |
| Rushing Attempts | 504 | 481 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.3 | 3.5 |
| Average Per Game | 166.5 | 130.6 |
| TDs Rushing | 31 | 14 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 2396 | 2287 |
| Att-Comp-Int | 230-381-12 | 200-372-22 |
| Average Per Pass | 6.3 | 6.1 |
| Average Per Catch | 10.4 | 11.4 |
| Average Per Game | 184.3 | 175.9 |
| TDs Passing | 12 | 17 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 4561 | 3985 |
| Total Plays | 885 | 853 |
| Average Per Play | 5.2 | 4.7 |
| Average Per Game | 350.8 | 306.5 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 53-1392 | 63-1266 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 33-302 | 13-109 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 22-538 | 12-116 |

| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Florida | 56 | 135 | 95 | 99 | 3 | 388 |
| Opponent | 48 | 92 | 65 | 72 | 0 | 277 |

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GEORGIA

BULLDOGS

SEC EAST

How did it come to this? At the end of the 2007 season there were those who thought Georgia belonged in the BCS title game. Going into the 2008 season, the Bulldogs were preseason No. 1.

Since then, Georgia's football fortunes have fallen with a staircase progression.

The Bulldogs won a respectable 10 games in 2008, slipped to 8-5 in 2009 and then fell flat in 2010. Georgia stumbled out of last season's gate with a 1-4 mark and while it rallied to win five of seven, the team finished 6-7 overall, including a 10-6 loss to UCF in the Liberty Bowl. It was the Bulldogs' first losing season since 1996.

Despite his recent struggles, coach Mark Richt is still popular with many among the red and black faithful, revered for being a man of high character—although many of his players have run into off-field entanglements.

"I don't feel any pressure," Richt says. "None at all."

Still, when one of your program's all-time greats starts blasting you, it can't be good.

"For the last three years our program has been God-awful," said former Bulldogs QB and Hall of Famer Fran Tarkenton in January on an Atlanta radio station. "I think the signs are that we have a program that is in big trouble."

Richt attempted to head off some of that trouble by firing his strength and conditioning coach and shedding some administrative duties within his program to concentrate more on football.

Will it produce more wins? That could be the question on which the Richt era hinges.

To start, Georgia will have to overcome the loss of superstar wide receiver A.J. Green and No. 2 wideout Kris Durham. Softening the blow is the emergence of junior tight end Orson Charles (26 catches, 422 yards, 2 TDs) and junior wideouts Tavarres King and Marlon Brown.

Getting the ball to them will be sophomore Aaron Murray, who had a successful debut campaign, throwing for 3,049 yards and 24 touchdowns.

"He's going to stand in there and throw it and take the shot," Richt says. "He throws a much more catchable ball, so he's improving in that area also."

The offensive line took a hit when senior tackle Trenton Sturdivant suffered a torn right ACL in spring practice, likely sidelining him for the season.

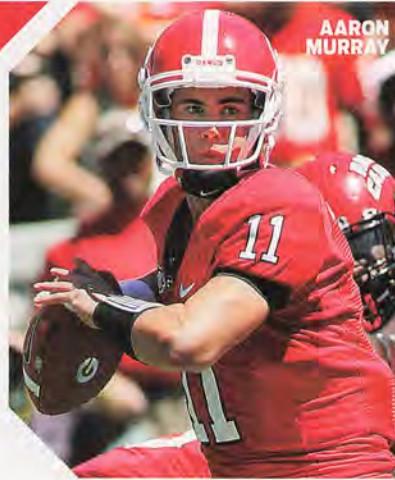
Defensively, nose guard Kwame Geathers is on the verge of eruption after playing sparingly in 2010. He earned spring MVP honors.

The Bulldogs return a pair of All-America-caliber specialists in kicker Blair Walsh and punter Drew Butler. Walsh made 20 of 23 field goals and Butler averaged 44.5 yards in 2010.

GAME-CHANGER

Orson Charles, TE

Charles can't stretch defenses vertically like A.J. Green, but his skill set can still give opposing defensive coordinators plenty of headaches. With Green gone, Charles becomes the biggest offensive target heading into the 2011 season for former Plant (Fla.) High teammate Aaron Murray.



AARON MURRAY



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Boise State* | |
| S.10 | South Carolina | 6-17 |
| S.17 | Coastal Carolina | |
| S.24 | @OLE MISS | |
| O.1 | Mississippi State | 12-24 |
| O.8 | @TENNESSEE | 41-14 |
| O.15 | @VANDERBILT | 43-0 |
| O.29 | Florida** | 31-34 (OT) |
| N.5 | New Mexico State | |
| N.12 | Auburn | 31-49 |
| N.19 | Kentucky | 44-31 |
| N.26 | @GEORGIA TECH | 42-34 |
| *at Atlanta | | |
| **at Jacksonville, Fla. | | |

COACH

Mark Richt

11th year (96-34)

Career record: 96-34

Offensive coordinator:

Mike Bobo (5th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Todd Grantham (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 6-7 SEC: 3-5

(lost to UCF in the Liberty Bowl, 10-6)

STADIUM: Sanford Stadium (92,746)

TICKETS: 877-542-1231

SITE: Athens

OFFICIAL ATHLETIC WEB SITE:

www.georgiadogs.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 11 | Aaron Murray (6-1, 211, So.) |
| FB | 89 | Bruce Figgins (6-4, 272, Sr.) |
| RB | 3 | Washaun Ealey (5-11, 219, Jr.) |
| LOT | 71 | Cordy Glenn (6-5, 348, Sr.) |
| LOG | 72 | Kenarious Gates (6-5, 328, So.) |
| C | 61 | Ben Jones (6-3, 316, Sr.) |
| ROG | 79 | Justin Anderson (6-5, 342, Sr.) |
| ROT | 70 | A.J. Harmon (6-5, 345, Jr.) |
| TE | 7 | Orson Charles (6-3, 241, Jr.) |
| WR | 12 | Tavarres King (6-1, 192, Jr.) |
| WR | 15 | Marlon Brown (6-5, 222, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

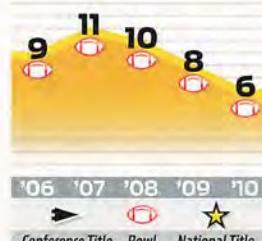
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|-----|----|--------------------------------------|
| LDE | 93 | Abry Jones (6-3, 309, Jr.) |
| NT | 99 | Kwame Geathers (6-6, 350, So.) |
| RDE | 94 | DeAngelo Tyson (6-2, 306, Sr.) |
| OLB | 29 | Jarvis Jones (6-3, 241, So.) |
| ILB | 45 | Christian Robinson (6-2, 226, Jr.) |
| ILB | 9 | Alec Ogletree (6-3, 236, So.) |
| DLB | 83 | Cornelius Washington (6-4, 269, Jr.) |
| LCB | 1 | Braden Smith (5-11, 176, Jr.) |
| RCB | 2 | Brandon Boykin (5-10, 183, Sr.) |
| FS | 19 | Sanders Cummings (6-2, 217, Jr.) |
| SS | 18 | Bacarri Rambo (6-0, 218, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 57 | Blair Walsh (5-10, 192, Sr.) |
| P | 13 | Drew Butler (6-2, 214, Sr.) |

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5-YEAR WINS TREND



► RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Isaiah Crowell: RB, 5-11, 190

The top-rated running back in America and best in the state of Georgia, Crowell was a must-get for coach Mark Richt.

2 ▶ Malcolm Mitchell: ATH, 6-1, 183

With size and elite speed, Mitchell impacted games as a return man, receiver and defensive back at the high school level.

3 ▶ Ray Drew: DE, 6-5, 250

Drew has unique size and athleticism as a defensive end. He should be a perfect fit for Georgia's 3-4 defense, but Drew's most impressive attribute is his terrific off-the-field character.

4 ▶ Jay Rome: TE, 6-6, 240

A teammate of Malcolm Mitchell, Rome is a mismatch as soon as he steps on the field. Rome has great size and athleticism, which he developed as a basketball player.

5 ▶ Christian LeMay: QB, 6-2, 188

LeMay is an early enrollee and, though he'll have plenty of time to learn, he is an advanced, polished quarterback and one of the best passers in the 2011 class.

TENNESSEE

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VOLUNTEERS

SEC EAST

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

- QB** 8 Tyler Bray (6-6, 210, So.)
- FB** 46 Channing Fugate (6-1, 245, So.)
- RB** 28 Tauren Poole (5-10, 210, Sr.)
- LOT** 71 Dallas Thomas (6-5, 301, Jr.)
- LOG** 75 JerQuari Schofield (6-6, 333, So.)
- C** 64 James Stone (6-3, 308, So.)
- ROG** 72 Zach Fulton (6-5, 330, So.)
- ROT** 70 Ja'Wuan James (6-6, 324, So.)
- TE** 81 Mychal Rivera (6-3, 254, Jr.)
- WR** 11 Justin Hunter (6-4, 191, So.)
- WR** 21 Da'Rick Rogers (6-3, 215, So.)

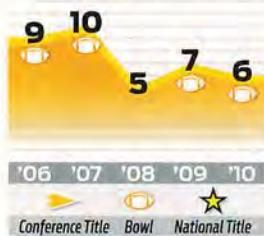
DEFENSE

- LDE** 55 Jacques Smith (6-2, 245, So.)
- LDT** 97 Malik Jackson (6-5, 270, Sr.)
- RDT** 76 Daniel Hood (6-4, 293, So.)
- RDE** 86 Willie Bohannon (6-2, 251, Jr.)
- SILB** 9 Daryl Vereen (5-11, 215, Sr.)
- MLB** 40 Austin Johnson (6-2, 235, Sr.)
- WLB** 34 Herman Lathers (6-0, 220, Jr.)
- LCB** 10 Marsalis Teague (5-10, 177, Jr.)
- RCB** 36 Anthony Anderson (5-11, 185, Sr.)
- FS** 23 Prentiss Waggoner (6-2, 181, Jr.)
- SS** 17 Brent Brewer (6-1, 210, So.)

SPECIALISTS

- K** 1 Michael Palardy (5-11, 172, So.)
- P** 3 Matt Darr (6-1, 221, Fr.)

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Maurice Couch: DT, 6-3, 295

In a position of need for the Volunteers, Couch is an explosive defender who should make an immediate impact. He was a five-star recruit out of the junior college ranks according to 247Sports.com.

2 ▶ DeAnthony Arnett: WR, 5-11, 184

Tennessee has some big, young receivers on the outside, and Arnett arrives as a perfect complement. His quickness and athleticism should allow him to play in the slot or on the outside.

3 ▶ Cameron Clear: TE, 6-6, 255

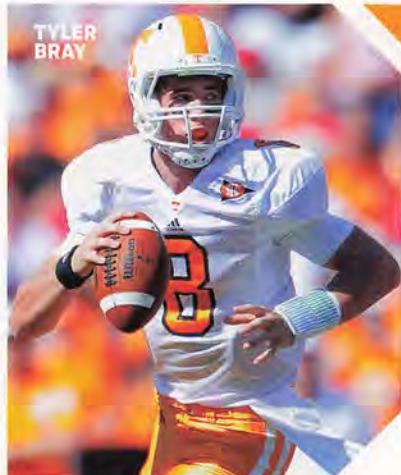
Many project Clear as an offensive tackle because of his incredible size, but he is college-ready as a tight end with soft hands, great feet and deceptive speed.

4 ▶ A.J. Johnson: LB, 6-3, 233

On the field, Johnson is a monster when it comes to size and physicality.

5 ▶ Byron Moore: S, 6-1, 200

A junior college signee, Moore has the versatility to excel at either cornerback or safety.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Montana | |
| S.10 | Cincinnati | |
| S.17 | @FLORIDA | 17-31 |
| O.1 | Buffalo | 14-41 |
| O.8 | Georgia | 14-16 |
| O.15 | LSU | 10-41 |
| O.22 | @ALABAMA | 24-38 |
| O.29 | South Carolina | |
| N.5 | Middle Tennessee State | |
| N.12 | @ARKANSAS | 24-10 |
| N.19 | Vanderbilt | 24-14 |
| N.26 | @KENTUCKY | |

COACH

Derek Dooley

2nd year (6-7)

Career record: 23-27

Offensive coordinator:

Jim Chaney (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Justin Wilcox (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 6-7 SEC: 3-5

(lost to North Carolina in the Music City Bowl, 30-27)

STADIUM: Neyland Stadium (102,038)

TICKETS: 800-332-VOLS

SITE: Knoxville

OFFICIAL ATHLETIC WEB SITE:

www.utsports.com

Someone asked Derek Dooley how much longer he thought the honeymoon would last for him at Tennessee.

The second-year coach, son of Georgia's legendary Vince Dooley, almost laughed out loud.

"The honeymoon is over," Derek replied.

"Lasted up until kickoff last season. We're in the results business."

The results of a 6-7 record in 2010—considering the bizarre nature of the Volunteers' losses at LSU and to North Carolina in the Music City Bowl—have to at least be encouraging to orange-clad fans eager to put mileage between themselves and the stunted, one-year Lane Kiffin era at Tennessee.

Dooley had less-incendiary remarks during his first year than Kiffin and, except for too many men on the field at LSU (Tennessee had 13) and against UNC (the Tar Heels were over the limit), fewer football-related shenanigans.

But, indeed, the honeymoon is over. Now the focus will be on the improvement Dooley's Vols can make in Year 2.

Thirteen returning starters (seven on offense and six on defense), led by sophomore quarterback Tyler Bray, is an encouraging way to begin. Bray had a disappointing Orange-White game to close the spring, prompting some fans to clamor for backup senior Matt Simms. But Dooley graded Bray on a curve, giving more credence to a pre-spring game scrimmage.

Tauren Poole, a 1,034-yard rusher in 2010, will balance the attack, while Bray will pass to a receiver corps led by promising sophomores Justin Hunter and Da'Rick Rogers.

The offense will need to score points because the defense—which allowed 382.2 yards and 25.1 points per game last season—still has issues.

Those issues start with a problem child from the Kiffin era: junior free safety Janzen Jackson. Arguably Tennessee's best defensive player, Jackson withdrew from school in February to reportedly deal with personal issues. Tennessee's staff expects him to return, though, and he could be back in Knoxville as early as the second session of summer school.

Without Jackson, the Vols shook up their secondary, moving junior Prentiss Waggoner from right cornerback to free safety, with senior Anthony Anderson taking his place. The only stable position is strong safety, manned by sophomore Brent Brewer.

In the front seven, a lack of depth led to some serious spring cross-training. Among the more prominent experiments, senior middle linebacker Austin Johnson worked on the outside and sophomore end Corey Miller played some at tackle. Senior Malik Jackson also returns after an All-SEC performance at defensive tackle.

GAME-CHANGER

Da'Rick Rogers, WR

At 6-3 and 215 pounds, Rogers is cast from the same mold as former SEC standout receivers A.J. Green and Julio Jones. The game was so easy that Rogers exhibited poor practice habits at times last year, but this spring he worked hard to rehabilitate his image and become an integral piece of the offense.

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KENTUCKY

WILDCATS

SEC EAST

It's a convenient stereotype to assume that Kentucky football is just supposed to be filler until it's basketball season again.

Like everyone, though, UK football fans are beginning to want more. It's nice that the Wildcats have been to a school-record five straight bowl games, but those have included three Music City bowls, a Liberty Bowl and last season's trip to the BBVA Compass Bowl. The latter was a January bowl game, but the Kentucky faithful would like to see their team on Bourbon Street sometime and not in Birmingham.

A 27-10 bowl loss to Pittsburgh left Kentucky (6-7) with its first losing record since 2005. There were extenuating circumstances—Morgan Newton had to fill in at quarterback for an injured Mike Hartline—but the end result was the same: More is wanted and expected from the UK football program.

Managing to find improvement in 2011 will be challenging, particularly on offense with the loss of Hartline, top rusher Derrick Locke, All-SEC wide receiver/kick returner Randall Cobb and second-leading receiver Chris Matthews.

Newton, a junior, will be the full-time man behind center this fall. He completed 21 of 36 passes for 211 yards in the bowl game, and has completed 100 of 178 passes for 971 yards and six touchdowns during his career. Kentucky brought back former Wildcats quarterback Andre Woodson as a graduate assistant to help Newton with his development, and it showed dividends in the spring.

"He's improved even more since that bowl game," coach Joker Phillips says. "He knows where the ball is supposed to go."

Newton's top target in the passing game will likely be junior wideout La'Rod King. He was third on the team last year with 36 catches for 478 yards and five TDs. There are also big expectations for sophomore Brian Adams, who caught seven passes for 121 yards and two TDs in the spring game.

The rushing attack will rely mostly on the legs of sophomore Raymond Sanders (68 carries, 254 yards, 3 TDs). One of UK's strengths should be the offensive line, where All-SEC right guard Larry Warford is one of four starters back.

Defensively, the Wildcats return their top 11 tacklers, led by the SEC's best last year, senior linebacker Danny Trevathan, who led the league with 144 tackles (16 for losses). Sophomore Mister Cobble underwent shoulder surgery that was expected to keep him out of offseason workouts, but he will likely be back in time to start at tackle in September.

Sophomore Donte Rumph is pushing hard to supplant senior Luke McDermott at the other tackle spot, but the veteran held him off through the spring. Senior strong safety Winston Guy leads the secondary after making 106 tackles and three interceptions last year.

GAME-CHANGER

La'Rod King, WR

With not only Randall Cobb but Chris Matthews gone from the receiving corps, King now becomes the main man in the Wildcats' offense. King ranked third on the team last year with 36 catches for 478 yards and five touchdowns.



MORGAN NEWTON

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 12 | Morgan Newton (6-4, 235, Jr.) |
| FB | 36 | Andrew Joseph (5-10, 231, So.) |
| RB | 4 | Raymond Sanders (5-8, 198, So.) |
| LOT | 66 | Chandler Burden (6-4, 300, Sr.) |
| LOG | 70 | Stuart Hines (6-4, 296, Sr.) |
| C | 69 | Matt Smith (6-4, 297, Jr.) |
| ROG | 67 | Larry Warford (6-3, 340, Jr.) |
| ROT | 52 | Billy Joe Murphy (6-6, 306, Sr.) |
| TE | 89 | Tyler Robinson (6-3, 254, So.) |
| WR | 16 | La'Rod King (6-4, 204, Jr.) |
| WR | 3 | Matt Roark (6-5, 215, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| DDE | 96 | Collins Ukwu (6-5, 255, Jr.) |
| LDT | 68 | Luke McDermott (6-1, 265, Sr.) |
| ROT | 97 | Mister Cobble (6-0, 338, So.) |
| RDE | 94 | Taylor Wyndham (6-4, 250, Jr.) |
| SLB | 48 | Ridge Wilson (6-3, 238, Jr.) |
| MLB | 46 | Ronnie Sneed (6-2, 230, Sr.) |
| WLB | 22 | Danny Trevathan (6-1, 230, Sr.) |
| LCB | 15 | Martavius Neloms (6-1, 184, Jr.) |
| RCB | 24 | Randall Burden (6-0, 170, Sr.) |
| FS | 41 | Mychal Bailey (6-0, 186, Sr.) |
| SS | 21 | Winston Guy (6-1, 210, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|
| K | 93 | Craig McIntosh (6-0, 208, Jr.) |
| P | 9 | Ryan Tydacka (6-1, 185, Sr.) |

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------|------------|
| S.1 | @WESTERN KENTUCKY* | 63-28 |
| S.10 | Central Michigan | |
| S.17 | Louisville | 23-16 |
| S.24 | Florida | 14-48 |
| O.1 | @LSU | |
| O.8 | @SOUTH CAROLINA | 31-28 |
| O.22 | Jacksonville State | |
| O.29 | Mississippi State | 17-24 |
| N.5 | Ole Miss | 35-42 |
| N.12 | @VANDERBILT | 38-20 |
| N.19 | @GEORGIA | 31-44 |
| N.26 | Tennessee | 14-24 |

*Nashville, Tenn.

5-YEAR WINS TREND



► RATING THE RECRUTS

1 ► Glenn Faulkner: S, 6-2, 190

Faulkner is a ballhawking safety who has the ability to roll down and cover receivers in the slot. He competed in the 2010 U.S. Army All-America Bowl in San Antonio.

2 ► Darrian Miller: OT, 6-6, 275

An in-state product, Miller has the size coaches look for at offensive tackle, and he can really move for a big man.

3 ► Zach West: OT, 6-5, 305

Another in-state lineman, West projects at either guard or tackle. He earned All-State honors in his junior and senior seasons.

4 ► Marcus Caffey: RB, 5-11, 185

Caffey was one of the fastest risers in the country during his senior year. He piled up more than 1,600 yards on the ground in his final high school season.

5 ► Daryl Collins: WR, 6-0, 190

Hailing from Gadsden City (Ala.) High, a hotbed for talent, Collins shunned a greyshirt offer from Alabama to sign with the Wildcats.

VANDERBILT



COMMODORES

SEC EAST

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 10 | Larry Smith (6-2, 220, Sr.) |
| RB | 5 | Warren Norman (5-10, 200, Jr.) |
| LOT | 67 | Wesley Johnson (6-5, 280, So.) |
| LOG | 57 | Jabo Burrow (6-4, 290, Jr.) |
| C | 60 | Logan Stewart (6-4, 290, So.) |
| ROG | 72 | Kyle Fischer (6-6, 310, Sr.) |
| ROT | 62 | Ryan Seymour (6-4, 305, Jr.) |
| TE | 6 | Brandon Barden (6-5, 245, Sr.) |
| WR | 87 | Jordan Matthews (6-3, 200, So.) |
| WR | 17 | Jonathan Krause (5-11, 180, So.) |
| WR | 4 | Udom Umoh (6-0, 185, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 42 | Tim Fugger (6-4, 255, Sr.) |
| LDT | 74 | T.J. Greenstone (6-3, 285, Sr.) |
| RDT | 84 | Rob Lohr (6-4, 288, Jr.) |
| RDE | 98 | Johnnell Thomas (6-0, 250, Jr.) |
| SLB | 15 | Archibald Barnes (6-4, 228, Jr.) |
| MLB | 13 | Chris Marve (6-0, 235, Sr.) |
| WLB | 36 | Chase Garnham (6-3, 225, So.) |
| LCR | 19 | Casey Hayward (6-0, 185, Sr.) |
| RCB | 8 | Trey Wilson (6-0, 190, Jr.) |
| FS | 21 | Sean Richardson (6-2, 215, Sr.) |
| SS | 1 | Kenny Ladler (6-1, 205, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 48 | Ryan Fowler (5-10, 170, Jr.) |
| P | 94 | Richard Kent (6-2, 195, Jr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUTS

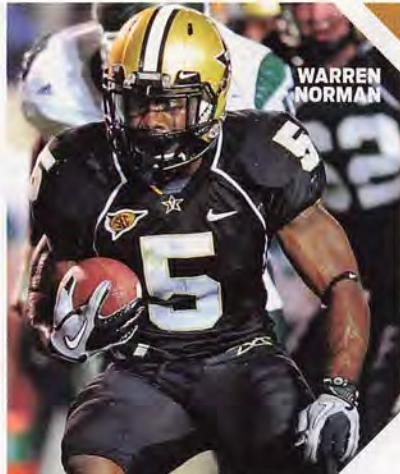
1 Dillon van der Wal: TE, 6-7, 240
One of several late signees for new coach James Franklin, van der Wal is a four-star, two-way standout who decommitted from Arizona State in favor of the Commodores.

2 Darien Bryant: TE, 6-4, 215
Once a Nebraska commit, the new Vanderbilt staff swayed Bryant. He comes in as a player who has the ability to contribute early in the SEC.

3 Lafonte Thourogood: QB, 6-3, 223
Yet another late steal by James Franklin's staff, Thourogood is an athletic quarterback prospect who picked Vanderbilt over Virginia Tech. His switch was a significant day shocker.

4 Barron Dixon: DE, 6-4, 248
Mississippi State thought they had this Peach State product, but Vanderbilt was able to swoop in and nab him late.

5 Jacque Kirk: CB, 5-11, 160
One of the real sleepers in the state of Alabama, the Commodores were able to sway Kirk from his previous commitment to Louisville.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-----------------|------------|
| 5.3 | Elon | |
| 5.10 | Connecticut | 21-40 |
| 5.17 | Ole Miss | 28-14 |
| 5.24 | @SOUTH CAROLINA | 7-21 |
| 6.8 | @ALABAMA | |
| 6.15 | Georgia | 0-43 |
| 6.22 | Army | |
| 6.29 | Arkansas | 14-49 |
| 7.5 | @FLORIDA | 14-55 |
| 7.12 | Kentucky | 20-38 |
| 7.19 | @TENNESSEE | 10-24 |
| 7.26 | @WAKE FOREST | 13-34 |

COACH

James Franklin

1st year

Offensive coordinator:

John Donovan (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Bob Shoop (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 2-10 SEC: 1-7

Stadium: Vanderbilt Stadium

(39,790)

Tickets: 877-44-VANDY

Site: Nashville, Tenn.

Official athletic Web site:

www.vucommodores.com

At Vanderbilt, which has had one winning season since 1982, a little attitude goes a long way.

"Talking to our kids I say, 'Where are we at right now?'" said first-year coach James Franklin during spring practice. "They say that we're a better football team right now than we were at any point last year."

"Whether that's true or not, they believe that and that's important."

In other words, don't let the facts get in the way of a feel-good story brewing in Nashville's West End.

The Commodores have had enough of country and western ballad-worthy heartbreak. They're ready to break out and prove that 2008's 7-6 record—which included a Music City Bowl win over Boston College—can have a second act.

Former coach Bobby Johnson was unable to follow up on that success in 2009, and previous interim coach Robbie Caldwell (now the offensive line coach at Clemson) couldn't light a spark last year as the Commodores reverted to doormat status, with 2-10 records the last two seasons that included a dismal 1-15 mark combined in SEC play.

Enter Franklin, a high-energy coach who has brought youthful enthusiasm to this stodgy program. "Everything has changed," he says. "Everything will be challenged."

Franklin has the safety blanket of having all 11 returning starters on offense, but early on it appeared some would be losing their jobs. Sophomore wide receiver Jordan Matthews, who had a team-high four touchdown receptions last season, emerged as senior quarterback Larry Smith's likely top target. Smith may be challenged this fall by junior Jordan Rodgers, but offseason shoulder surgery prevented Rodgers from doing any live action this spring.

Also sidelined in the spring was running back/kick returner Warren Norman, who missed the final four games last season with a hand injury but still led the team with 459 rushing yards. In his absence, junior Zac Stacy and sophomore Wesley Tate shared the bulk of the spring carries.

A big concern for whoever is running the ball is the offensive line, which lacks talent and depth and was a big reason the Commodores ranked 110th nationally in total offense in 2010.

Defensively, eight starters return, starting up front with tackles T.J. Greenstone and Rob Lohr, who underwent offseason nasal surgery to improve his breathing. Senior middle linebacker Chris Marve is the SEC's active leader with 306 career tackles, while cornerback Casey Hayward (6 INTs, 17 pass deflections) is arguably the Commodores' top talent at any position.

Both kicking specialists return, though Ryan Fowler (8-for-13 on field goals) needs to work on accuracy.

GAME-CHANGER

Jordan Matthews, WR

Matthews came off the bench in 2010 but was productive when he did, catching a team-high four touchdown passes. This spring, the big 6-3 sophomore proved he can be the Commodores' top target in '11.

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LSU



SEC WEST

**SCHEDULE**

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| S.3 | @OREGON* | |
| S.10 | Northwestern State | |
| S.15 | @MISSISSIPPI STATE | 29-7 |
| S.24 | @WEST VIRGINIA | 20-14 |
| O.1 | Kentucky | |
| O.8 | Florida | 33-29 |
| O.15 | @TENNESSEE | 16-14 |
| O.22 | Auburn | 17-24 |
| N.5 | @ALABAMA | 24-21 |
| N.12 | Western Kentucky | |
| N.19 | @OLE MISS | 43-36 |
| N.25 | Arkansas | 23-31 |
| *Arlington, Texas | | |

5-YEAR WINS TREND**COACH****Les Miles**

7th year (62-17)

Career record: 90-38

Offensive coordinator:

Steve Kragthorpe (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

John Chavis (3rd year)

FAST FACTS**2010 RECORD: 11-2 SEC: 6-2**

(beat Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl, 41-24)

Stadium: Tiger Stadium (92,400)**Tickets:** 800-960-8587**Site:** Baton Rouge**Official athletic Web site:**

www.lsusports.net

TIGERS

JORDAN JEFFERSON

The Auburn Tigers and quarterback Cam Newton were marching up and down the field in an October SEC battle with LSU, but with 7:51 left to play it was the Tigers who held the upper hand.

LSU had the ball at its 40-yard line in a 17-17 tie. A scoring drive for the then-undefeated Tigers, and the pressure would at last be on Auburn.

Instead, LSU went three-and-out and punted. Three plays later, Ontario McCalebb scored on a 70-yard touchdown run, allowing Auburn to remain undefeated and stay on course for a BCS national championship.

"If we win that game," asked LSU coach Les Miles after his team's 2011 spring game, "how does that season turn out differently?"

A different kind of season—a championship season—is now the talk among Tigertown faithful.

With most of their offensive weapons returning and serious depth on defense despite some key losses, the Tigers are a trendy pick for the BCS championship game after dispatching Texas A&M with an impressive 41-24 win in the Cotton Bowl to finish 11-2 last season.

Miles doesn't get caught up in the hype, yet unlike a lot of coaches, he doesn't shun lofty expectations, either.

"Rankings have never affected me and should not affect our team," Miles says.

"We're young and developing and we're talented enough to get there if the pieces come together. If we have great leadership, I think we'll be a really good football team."

Miles' critics had a field day after LSU lucked into a 16-14 win Oct. 2 over Tennessee, scoring on an untimed down after the Volunteers were flagged for having 13 players on the field.

Slowly, though, popular opinion turned Miles' way. The "Mad Hatter" resurfaced with trick plays that helped beat Florida and Alabama. And he seemed to win back even more fans by revealing that he chews a few blades of grass during a game, declaring: "The grass in Tiger Stadium tastes best."

Miles also decided the grass wasn't greener at Michigan, pulling his name out of contention at his alma mater for the second time since 2007 and agreeing to a new seven-year contract this offseason.

While most Tiger fans have finally warmed to Miles, a sizeable percentage still give senior quarterback Jordan Jefferson the cold shoulder. Jefferson struggled mightily in 2010, throwing just seven touchdowns against 10 interceptions as LSU averaged an anemic 155.6 passing yards per game. Many longed to see former Georgia quarterback and junior college transfer Zach



Mettenberger take over.

Miles declared that Jefferson showed strong improvement in the spring under new offensive coordinator Steve Kragthorpe, who simplified the offense and honed Jefferson's mechanics. Still, if Jefferson struggles early, Mettenberger and former senior starter Jarrett Lee are ready to step in.

All-SEC tailback Stevan Ridley left early for the NFL draft, but the Tigers remain well stocked at running back. Spencer Ware, who also played outfield for LSU's baseball team in 2011, emerged as the heir apparent after strong Cotton Bowl and spring game performances. He'll line up ahead of fellow sophomores Michael Ford and Alfred Blue and freshman Jakhari Gore.

Injuries haunted LSU's offensive line throughout 2010, but they made the Tigers deeper and more experienced going into the '11 campaign. LSU loses just one starter—left tackle Joseph Barksdale—and returns a core group led by center P.J. Lonergan, center/guard T-Bob Hebert and right guard Will Blackwell.

Juniors Rueben Randle, an All-SEC caliber talent, and Russell Shepard are the top receivers back, with the Tigers expected to be more of a vertical passing team under Kragthorpe.

Defensively, LSU must replace All-American cornerback Patrick Peterson, All-American defensive tackle Drake Nevis and All-SEC middle linebacker Kelvin Sheppard.

Taking over Peterson's position (and his old No. 7) is sophomore Tyrann Mathieu, a highly disruptive force last season as a nickel back. All-SEC candidate Morris Claiborne anchors the other side. Replacing Nevis (and fellow senior tackle Pep Livingston) will be a battery of players that include junior Josh Downs, sophomores Michael Brockers and Bennie Logan, and freshman mid-term enrollee Anthony "Freak" Johnson.

Sophomore Kevin Minter is next in line at middle linebacker, though that position remains LSU's biggest concern heading into the fall. SEC All-Freshman defensive end Sam Montgomery returns after a devastating knee injury against Tennessee, while senior Karnell Hatcher slides down from safety to strongside linebacker.

Both specialists must be replaced, with Drew Alleman taking over for All-American kicker Josh Jasper and left-footed Australian punter Brad Wing replacing Derek Helton. Taking over Peterson's duties in the return game will require a platoon of players that include Randle, Claiborne, Mathieu and Ron Brooks.

RECRUITING REPORT

It was a special year for talent in Louisiana, with six prospects ranked in the top 100 nationally.

The Tigers, led by star recruiter Frank Wilson, capitalized on that local talent in a big way. LSU landed five of those six top-100 prospects and didn't offer a scholarship to the other player. That effort landed Les Miles the No. 4 recruiting class in the country.

La'El Collins was the No. 3 prospect in the nation and is a special offensive tackle with athleticism, motor and polish. Anthony Johnson was the nation's second-rated defensive tackle and has been

a dominant presence in New Orleans since his freshman year. Jarvis Landry is the third five-star product heading to Baton Rouge and may be the most polished receiver in the nation.

Along with its incredible in-state haul, LSU landed a big piece of the puzzle with the addition of Zach Mettenberger, the top junior college quarterback in the country. The big, strong-armed Mettenberger will be able to compete with Jordan Jefferson immediately for the starting job. Mettenberger could help take LSU's passing game to the next level.

—Barton Simmons, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| QB | 9 | Jordan Jefferson (6-5, 224, Sr.) |
| | 8 | Zach Mettenberger (6-5, 250, So.) |
| FB | 44 | J.C. Copeland (6-1, 275, So.) |
| | 35 | James Stampley (5-10, 230, Sr.) |
| RB | 11 | Spencer Ware (5-11, 225, So.) |
| | 42 | Michael Ford (5-10, 202, So.) |
| LOT | 76 | Chris Faulk (6-6, 316, So.) |
| | 73 | Chris Davenport (6-4, 311, So.) |
| LOG | 68 | Josh Dvoraczyk (6-6, 295, Sr.) |
| | 79 | Matt Branch (6-6, 287, Jr.) |
| C | 64 | P.J. Lonergan (6-4, 300, Jr.) |
| | 53 | T-Bob Hebert (6-3, 280, Sr.) |
| ROG | 60 | Will Blackwell (6-4, 303, Sr.) |
| | 53 | T-Bob Hebert (6-3, 280, Sr.) |
| ROT | 72 | Alex Hurst (6-6, 329, Jr.) |
| | 75 | Greg Shaw (6-5, 295, Sr.) |
| TE | 19 | Deangelo Peterson (6-4, 243, Jr.) |
| | 88 | Chase Clement (6-5, 261, Jr.) |
| WR | 2 | Rueben Randle (6-4, 207, Jr.) |
| | 82 | James Wright (6-2, 197, So.) |
| WR | 10 | Russell Shepard (6-1, 188, Jr.) |
| | 86 | Kadron Boone (6-0, 202, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 94 | Kendrick Adams (6-5, 255, Sr.) |
| | 49 | Barkevious Mingo (6-5, 237, So.) |
| LDT | 90 | Michael Brockers (6-6, 300, So.) |
| | 56 | Anthony Johnson (6-3, 294, Fr.) |
| RDT | 77 | Josh Downs (6-1, 278, Jr.) |
| | 93 | Bennie Logan (6-3, 280, So.) |
| RDE | 99 | Sam Montgomery (6-4, 245, So.) |
| | 89 | Lavar Edwards (6-5, 265, Jr.) |
| SLB | 37 | Karnell Hatcher (6-2, 212, Sr.) |
| | 23 | Stefoin Francois (6-1, 215, Sr.) |
| MLB | 46 | Kevin Minter (6-1, 225, So.) |
| | 58 | Tahj Jones (6-2, 205, So.) |
| WLB | 22 | Ryan Baker (6-0, 227, Jr.) |
| | 57 | Lamin Barrow (6-2, 222, So.) |
| LCB | 17 | Morris Claiborne (6-0, 177, Jr.) |
| | 13 | Ron Brooks (6-0, 179, Sr.) |
| RCB | 7 | Tyrann Mathieu (5-9, 180, So.) |
| | 24 | Tharold Simon (6-3, 190, So.) |
| FS | 1 | Eric Reid (6-2, 207, So.) |
| | 6 | Craig Loston (6-2, 200, So.) |
| SS | 18 | Brandon Taylor (6-0, 195, Sr.) |
| | 28 | Ronnie Vinson (5-11, 187, Fr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|-------------------------------|
| K | 30 | Drew Alleman (5-11, 182, Jr.) |
| P | 38 | Brad Wing (6-3, 175, Fr.) |

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2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | LSU | OPP |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING | 386 | 237 |
| Points Per Game | 29.7 | 18.2 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 228 | 211 |
| Rushing | 132 | 96 |
| Passing | 84 | 96 |
| Penalty | 12 | 19 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2414 | 1785 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2771 | 2214 |
| Yards lost rushing | 357 | 429 |
| Rushing Attempts | 538 | 478 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.5 | 3.7 |
| Average Per Game | 185.7 | 137.3 |
| TDs Rushing | 29 | 15 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 2023 | 2208 |
| Att-Comp-Int | 173-301-11 | 196-344-19 |
| Average Per Pass | 6.7 | 6.4 |
| Average Per Catch | 11.7 | 11.3 |
| Average Per Game | 155.6 | 169.8 |
| TDs Passing | 10 | 15 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 4437 | 3993 |
| Total Plays | 839 | 822 |
| Average Per Play | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| Average Per Game | 341.3 | 307.2 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 46-1190 | 74-1568 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 32-432 | 12-59 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 19-363 | 11-141 |

| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| LSU | 70 | 140 | 64 | 112 | 0 | 386 |
| Opponent | 48 | 72 | 38 | 79 | 0 | 237 |

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SEC WEST



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Kent State | |
| S.10 | @PENN STATE | 24-3 |
| S.17 | North Texas | |
| S.24 | Arkansas | 24-20 |
| O.1 | @FLORIDA | 31-6 |
| O.8 | Vanderbilt | |
| O.15 | @OLE MISS | 23-10 |
| O.22 | Tennessee | 41-10 |
| N.5 | LSU | 21-24 |
| N.12 | @MISSISSIPPI STATE | 30-10 |
| N.19 | Georgia Southern | |
| N.26 | @AUBURN | 27-28 |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Nick Saban

5th year (38-11)

Career record: 129-53-1

Offensive coordinator:

Jim McElwain (4th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Kirby Smart (5th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 10-3 SEC: 5-3
(beat Michigan State in the Capital One Bowl, 49-7)

Stadium: Bryant-Denny Stadium
(101,871)

Tickets: 205-348-BAMA

Site: Tuscaloosa

Official athletic Web site:
www.rolltide.com

ALABAMA



CRIMSON TIDE

MARK BARRON



When last we saw the Crimson Tide in action they were laying waste to Michigan State, the Big Ten tri-champion and Nick Saban's former employer, by a stunning score of 49-7 in the Capital One Bowl. The win allowed Alabama to finish 10-3 and in the final top 10, the kind of follow-up to a national title the year before that would be enough to satisfy most people.

Of course, Saban isn't most people.

"I think we have a lot to prove from what we did last year," said Saban during spring practice. "Hopefully everybody else feels the same way."

Satisfaction isn't a prominent word in the Saban vocabulary, if it exists at all. What should he be satisfied about, he might ask? Having a 24-0 lead on archrival and eventual national champion Auburn, only to drop a 28-27 decision that makes "Punt Bama Punt!" look like a tension headache by comparison?

Saban has plastered his locker room with reminders for his team, posters which read, "28-27 Never Again."

For Saban, it's never about just one game. It's an entire season, entire program and entire way

of conducting football business.

And the way the 2010 Alabama team conducted its business didn't please Saban at all.

"Our team last year just never, ever learned how to compete when they were weary," Saban says. "When things got difficult, when they got tired, we just never, ever responded like we needed to."

"Our players didn't even want to be coached at times. The whole discipline in the organization was not the same."

Alabama's players have talked a good game about buying into the kind of rededication that Saban wants this season. Whether the Tide turns that into more wins in 2011 is the big question.

"I think we have good enough players to have a good team," Saban says. "How good those players want to be will go a long way to determining how good a team we have. I think it's more about that than anything else."

College football is also about key players and key losses, and the Crimson Tide lost several big ones from last year's team, including quarterback Greg McElroy, 2009 Heisman Trophy winning tailback Mark Ingram, wide receiver

Julio Jones and defensive end Marcell Dareus.

Alabama came out of spring practice with an incomplete grade at quarterback. Neither sophomore A.J. McCarron nor freshman Phillip Sims could distance himself from the other. As a hedge against the prospect that one may get frustrated and transfer, the Tide cross-trained redshirt freshman running back Blake Sims at quarterback.

At tailback, the transition won't be nearly as bumpy. While Ingram left town with his Heisman hardware in tow, Trent Richardson could win the next one. Even Saban admits that Alabama's top returning rusher (700 yards, 6 TDs) will be "the" back in the Crimson Tide's offense, though expect sophomore Eddie Lacy to also get plenty of carries in order to give Richardson some rest.

No one laid claim to be Jones' replacement at wide receiver, so the role of go-to guy will likely default to senior Marquis Maze (38 catches, 557 yards, 3 TDs). Bigger offseason news was Alabama's signing of wide receiver Duron Carter, son of NFL great Cris Carter. The Ohio State transfer was expected to arrive in Tuscaloosa in June to begin summer conditioning.

On the offensive line, the only question is at left tackle. Aaron Douglas is the player to beat there, though Alabama experimented during the spring with starting right guard Barrett Jones, an All-SEC performer who played left tackle in high school.

Junior Damion Square and sophomore Ed Stinson are among the top candidates to fill Dareus' shoes at defensive tackle, but it could be any number of players who vie to take his place. The linebacker corps is much more settled, especially since senior Courtney Upshaw is finally healthy after playing through a high-ankle sprain all last season. Upshaw still managed 52 tackles, including 14.5 for loss and seven sacks, both team highs in 2010. Juniors Dont'a Hightower (69 tackles) and Nico Johnson (33 tackles, 3.5 for loss) make this perhaps the toughest unit in the SEC.

The secondary was a big liability last season, but this year returns as a strength. Senior strong safety Mark Barron, Alabama's leading tackler in 2010 with 75 stops, returns along with junior free safety Robert Lester (team-high 8 INTs), junior cornerback Dre Kirkpatrick and sophomore corner DeMarcus Milliner.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Crimson Tide capitalized on a national championship in 2009 by landing the No. 1 recruiting class in '11.

A pair of the top junior college prospects in the country highlights the latest group of incoming talent. Jesse Williams is a massive nose guard originally hailing from Australia. He could have an impact similar to the one Terrence Cody made a few years ago. Aaron Douglas, a JUCO transfer who began his career as a freshman All-American at Tennessee, could be battling for a starting job heading into the fall.

From the high school ranks, Nick Saban and his staff did another great job. The biggest coup for the Crimson Tide was landing franchise

offensive tackle Cyrus Kouandjio. At 6-7 and 315 pounds, Kouandjio has an NFL look about him.

High school teammates Hasean Clinton-Dix (safety) and Dee Hart (running back) were two of the most dynamic prospects in the state of Florida. Hart immediately adds a special teams threat and versatile offensive option unique to Alabama's personnel.

Defensively, Trey DePriest out of Ohio, in-state product Brent Calloway and end Xzavier Dickson out of Georgia join Clinton-Dix. Each of the prospects should fit in perfectly at varying linebacker roles in Alabama's 3-4 scheme.

Barton Simmons, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------------------|
| QB | 10 | A.J. McCarron (6-4, 205, So.) |
| | 14 | Phillip Sims (6-2, 217, Fr.) |
| RB | 3 | Trent Richardson (5-11, 224, Jr.) |
| | 42 | Eddie Lacy (6-0, 220, So.) |
| LOT | 77 | Aaron Douglas (6-7, 275, Jr.) |
| | 52 | Alfred McCullough (6-2, 311, Sr.) |
| LOG | 65 | Chance Warmack (6-3, 320, Jr.) |
| | 61 | Anthony Steen (6-3, 303, So.) |
| C | 73 | William Vlachos (6-1, 294, Sr.) |
| | 63 | Kellen Williams (6-3, 305, So.) |
| ROG | 75 | Barrett Jones (6-5, 311, Jr.) |
| | 67 | John Michael Boswell (6-5, 300, Sr.) |
| ROT | 76 | D.J. Fluker (6-6, 335, So.) |
| | 79 | Austin Shepherd (6-5, 321, Fr.) |
| TE | 17 | Brad Smelley (6-3, 229, Sr.) |
| | 87 | Chris Underwood (6-4, 243, Sr.) |
| TE | 89 | Michael Williams (6-6, 269, Jr.) |
| | 82 | Harrison Jones (6-4, 248, Fr.) |
| WR | 15 | Darius Hanks (6-0, 185, Sr.) |
| | 2 | DeAndrew White (6-0, 181, Fr.) |
| WR | 4 | Marquis Maze (5-10, 180, Sr.) |
| | 83 | Kevin Norwood (6-2, 193, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|------|----|--------------------------------------|
| LDE | 92 | Damion Square (6-3, 285, Jr.) |
| | 94 | Darrington Sentimore (6-3, 273, So.) |
| NT | 99 | Josh Chapman (6-1, 310, Sr.) |
| | 54 | Jesse Williams (6-4, 319, Jr.) |
| RDE | 49 | Ed Stinson (6-4, 279, So.) |
| | 90 | Quinton Dial (6-6, 294, Jr.) |
| LOLB | 5 | Jerrell Harris (6-3, 242, Sr.) |
| | 19 | Jonathan Atchison (6-3, 240, So.) |
| LILB | 41 | Courtney Upshaw (6-2, 265, Sr.) |
| | 42 | Adrian Hubbard (6-6, 237, Fr.) |
| RILB | 30 | Dont'a Hightower (6-4, 260, Jr.) |
| | 36 | Chris Jordan (6-3, 240, Sr.) |
| ROLB | 35 | Nico Johnson (6-3, 245, Jr.) |
| | 32 | C.J. Mosley (6-2, 234, So.) |
| RCB | 21 | Dre Kirkpatrick (6-3, 192, Jr.) |
| | 9 | Phelon Jones (5-11, 194, Sr.) |
| LCB | 28 | DeMarcus Milliner (6-1, 196, So.) |
| | 24 | DeQuan Menzie (6-0, 198, Sr.) |
| FS | 37 | Robert Lester (6-2, 210, Jr.) |
| | 29 | Will Lowery (5-9, 180, Jr.) |
| SS | 4 | Mark Barron (6-2, 218, Sr.) |
| | 29 | Will Lowery (5-9, 180, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|---------------------------------|
| K | 90 | Jeremy Shelley (5-10, 165, Jr.) |
| P | 29 | Cody Mandell (6-4, 202, So.) |

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2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | ALABAMA | OPP |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| SCORING | 464 | 176 |
| Points Per Game | 35.7 | 13.5 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 287 | 198 |
| Rushing | 126 | 85 |
| Passing | 151 | 99 |
| Penalty | 10 | 14 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2378 | 1432 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2630 | 1777 |
| Yards lost rushing | 252 | 345 |
| Rushing Attempts | 467 | 435 |
| Average Per Rush | 5.1 | 3.3 |
| Average Per Game | 182.9 | 110.2 |
| TDs Rushing | 30 | 6 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 3395 | 2291 |
| Att-Comp-Int | 253-362-5 | 192-367-22 |
| Average Per Pass | 9.4 | 6.2 |
| Average Per Catch | 13.4 | 11.9 |
| Average Per Game | 261.2 | 176.2 |
| TDs Passing | 24 | 12 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 5773 | 3723 |
| Total Plays | 829 | 802 |
| Average Per Play | 7.0 | 4.6 |
| Average Per Game | 444.1 | 286.4 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 40-986 | 76-1628 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 28-349 | 10-64 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 22-239 | 5-13 |

| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Alabama | 123 | 160 | 112 | 69 | 0 | 464 |
| Opponent | 43 | 47 | 41 | 45 | 0 | 176 |

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ARKANSAS



SEC WEST

RAZORBACKS

There is a definite sense at Arkansas that the Razorbacks program has turned a corner under fourth-year coach Bobby Petrino.

The 2010 season ended with the sting of missing a great opportunity to knock off Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl, and there is the challenge of trying to build for a new season without an NFL-caliber arm like Ryan Mallett's at quarterback. But Petrino has put the Razorbacks on a steady climb during his tenure, from five to eight to 10 wins in his first three seasons. Even without Mallett, there is too much talent in Fayetteville to expect the program to slide backward.

The heavy favorite to replace Mallett is Tyler Wilson. The junior gave a glimpse of his considerable skills when Mallett was injured at Auburn. In less than three full quarters, Wilson passed for 332 yards and four touchdowns. Sophomore Brandon Mitchell was considered a contender going into the spring, but he threw as many interceptions in the spring game (3) as he threw passes last season.

Wilson needs to develop a presence as a leader on the field, though. It's something that even he acknowledges.

"He (Mallett) led in a way where when he walked on the field everybody knew it," Wilson says. "He was a loud personality. Everybody kind of knew he was around. I'm a little different. I think that's OK."

The Razorbacks were returning 100 percent of their running game before second-leading rusher Broderick Green went down in spring practice with a season-ending ACL injury. That still leaves the ground game in the capable hands of one of the country's best junior Knile Davis (1,322 yards, 13 TDs), and reserve tailback Ronnie Wingo Jr. (253 yards). Just who will be the group blocking for them remains perhaps the offense's biggest question mark. There are two returning starters in sophomores Travis Swanson at center and Alvin Bailey at right guard.

On defense, the Razorbacks did some shuffling in the spring by moving Eric Bennett from cornerback to strong safety and fellow sophomore Jerry Mitchell from backup safety to corner. Senior Isaac Madison will man the other corner, while senior Tramain Thomas will play free safety. The linebacking corps is probably the strongest unit, led by All-SEC middle linebacker Jerry Franklin and strongside 'backer Jerico Nelson, who

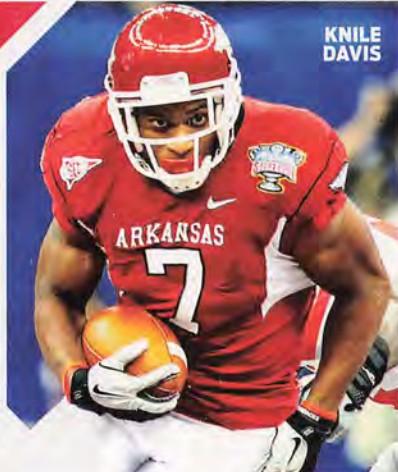
combined for 187 tackles as juniors in 2010. They'll play alongside solid junior Terrell Williams.

Three-fourths of the defensive line is back, led by senior All-SEC end Jake Bequette. Both specialists return: sophomore kicker Zach Hocker (16-for-19 on field goals) and junior punter Dylan Breeding (42.5-yard average).

GAME-CHANGER

Knile Davis, RB

The run will always set up the pass in the offense Bobby Petrino calls for Arkansas, but not every pass-happy coach has a running option like Davis. Rushing for 1,322 yards and 13 touchdowns in 2010, Davis returns as the top offensive weapon in the Razorbacks' post-Mallett world.



KNILE DAVIS



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------|-------------|
| S.3 | Missouri State | |
| S.10 | New Mexico* | |
| S.17 | Troy | |
| S.24 | @ALABAMA | 20-24 |
| O.1 | Texas A&M** | 24-17 |
| O.8 | Auburn | 43-65 |
| O.22 | @OLE MISS | 38-24 |
| O.29 | @VANDERBILT | 49-14 |
| N.5 | South Carolina | 41-20 |
| N.12 | Tennessee | |
| N.19 | Mississippi State* | 38-31 (2OT) |
| N.25 | @LSU | 31-23 |

*at Little Rock, Ark.

**at Arlington, Texas

COACH

Bobby Petrino

4th year (23-15)

Career record: 64-24

Offensive coordinator:

Garrick McGee (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Willy Robinson (4th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 10-3 SEC: 6-2

(lost to Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl, 31-26)

Stadium: Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium (72,000)

Tickets: 800-982-4647

Site: Fayetteville

Official athletic Web site: www.arkansasrazorbacks.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------------|
| QB | 8 | Tyler Wilson (6-3, 215, Jr.) |
| FB | 35 | Morgan Linton (5-11, 240, Fr.) |
| RB | 7 | Knile Davis (6-0, 230, Jr.) |
| LOT | 74 | Brey Cook (6-7, 317, Fr.) |
| LOG | 72 | Grant Cook (6-4, 318, Sr.) |
| C | 64 | Travis Swanson (6-5, 305, So.) |
| ROG | 67 | Alvin Bailey (6-5, 319, So.) |
| ROT | 79 | Grant Freeman (6-7, 305, Sr.) |
| TE | 80 | Chris Gragg (6-3, 236, Jr.) |
| WR | 3 | Joe Adams (5-11, 190, Sr.) |
| WR | 4 | Jarius Wright (5-10, 180, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 91 | Jake Bequette (6-5, 271, Sr.) |
| LDT | 54 | Byran Jones (6-2, 312, So.) |
| RDT | 92 | DeQuinta Jones (6-5, 307, Jr.) |
| RDE | 43 | Tenarius Wright (6-2, 252, Jr.) |
| SLB | 31 | Jerico Nelson (5-10, 211, Sr.) |
| MLB | 34 | Jerry Franklin (6-1, 245, Sr.) |
| WLB | 25 | Terrell Williams (6-3, 232, Jr.) |
| LCB | 38 | Jerry Mitchell (6-1, 214, So.) |
| RCB | 6 | Isaac Madison (5-11, 185, Sr.) |
| FS | 5 | Tramain Thomas (6-0, 198, Sr.) |
| SS | 14 | Eric Bennett (5-11, 190, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|
| K | 18 | Zach Hocker (6-0, 180, So.) |
| P | 14 | Dylan Breeding (6-1, 211, Jr.) |

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5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Mitch Smothers: G, 6-4, 291

Smothers is a tough, physical offensive lineman who could play any position on the line. He adds immediate depth and flexibility.

2 ▶ Brey Cook: OT, 6-7, 317

With prototypical offensive tackle size and good athleticism, Cook is ahead of the game. He also is a high-academic, high-character kid who is likely to maximize his potential.

3 ▶ Lonnie Gosha: DT, 6-2, 275

Though he doesn't have great height, the stocky and athletic Gosha plays with great athleticism and effort. He seems to always find the football.

4 ▶ Tevin Mitchel: CB, 6-0, 175

Though Mitchel is still relatively new to the cornerback position, you would never guess it watching him play. Mitchel has great hips, plays even longer than his 6-0 frame and is very fluid as a corner.

5 ▶ Quinta Funderburk: WR, 6-3, 196

A Greg Childs clone, Funderburk is a receiver with great size and stretch-the-field ability. He should thrive in Bobby Petrino's offensive system.



MISSISSIPPI STATE

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BULLDOGS

SEC WEST

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| QB | 14 | Chris Relf (6-4, 240, Sr.) |
| FB | 48 | Adrian Marcus (5-9, 225, So.) |
| RB | 28 | Vick Ballard (5-11, 215, Sr.) |
| LOT | 77 | James Carmon (6-7, 330, Sr.) |
| LOG | 61 | Gabe Jackson (6-4, 310, So.) |
| C | 55 | Quentin Saulsberry (6-2, 300, Sr.) |
| ROG | 67 | Tobias Smith (6-3, 305, Jr.) |
| ROT | 62 | Addison Lawrence (6-4, 290, Sr.) |
| TE | 32 | Marcus Green (6-1, 240, Sr.) |
| WR | 19 | Arceto Clark (5-10, 180, Jr.) |
| WR | 1 | Chad Bumphis (5-10, 200, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| LDE | 99 | Sean Ferguson (6-3, 250, Sr.) |
| LDT | 97 | Josh Boyd (6-3, 295, Jr.) |
| RDT | 94 | Fletcher Cox (6-4, 295, Jr.) |
| RDE | 96 | Shane McCardell (6-5, 255, Jr.) |
| SLB | 10 | Cameron Lawrence (6-2, 225, Jr.) |
| MLB | 49 | Brandon Maye (6-2, 235, Sr.) |
| WLB | 34 | Chris Hughes (6-0, 215, So.) |
| LCB | 13 | Johnthan Banks (6-2, 185, Jr.) |
| RCB | 25 | Corey Broomfield (5-10, 180, Jr.) |
| FS | 7 | Wade Bonner (5-10, 190, Sr.) |
| SS | 4 | Charles Mitchell (5-11, 205, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|
| K | 40 | Derek DePasquale (5-8, 180, Jr.) |
| P | 39 | Baker Swedenberg (6-0, 190, So.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUTS

1 Dariion Arrington: S, 6-1, 200

Because of his size and eagerness to be a factor in the run game, Arrington is a prospect who could see early playing time in Starkville, especially on special teams.

2 P.J. Jones: DE, 6-3, 260

Plagued by injuries his junior year, Jones has been dominant when on the field. He has a nice combination of size, agility and quickness.

3 Devin Fosselman: WR, 5-10, 180

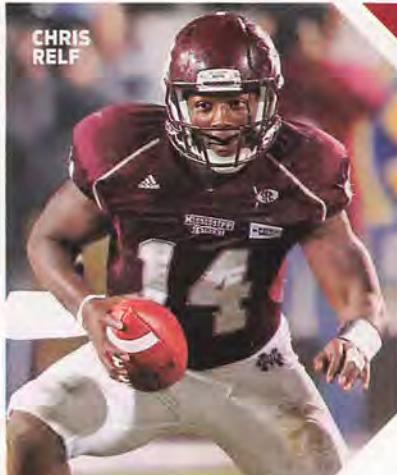
Fosselman is an undersized receiver, but that is his only weakness. He runs great routes, has terrific ball skills and possesses confirmed SEC-caliber speed.

4 James Maiden: OT, 6-4, 275

Maiden certainly looks the part of an SEC lineman. He has also shown that he can excel on either side of the line of scrimmage.

5 Justin Cox: S, 6-1, 190

Cox made his biggest impact on the high school level as a quarterback, leading his team to consecutive state championships.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|-------------|
| S.3 | @MEMPHIS | 49-7 |
| S.10 | @AUBURN | 14-17 |
| S.15 | LSU | 7-29 |
| S.24 | Louisiana Tech | |
| O.1 | @GEORGIA | 24-12 |
| O.8 | @UAB | 29-24 |
| O.15 | South Carolina | |
| O.29 | @KENTUCKY | 24-17 |
| N.5 | Tennessee-Martin | 10-30 |
| N.12 | Alabama | 31-38 (2OT) |
| N.19 | @ARKANSAS | 31-23 |
| N.26 | Ole Miss | |

COACH

Dan Mullen

3rd year (14-11)
Career record: 14-11

Offensive coordinator:

Les Koenning (2nd year)

Defensive coordinators:

Chris Wilson (1st year)

Geoff Collins (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 9-4 SEC: 4-4
(beat Michigan in the Gator Bowl, 52-14)

STADIUM: Davis Wade Stadium (55,082)

TICKETS: 888-GO-DAWGS

SITE: Starkville

Official athletic Web site: www.mstateathletics.com

all it the Darrell Royal syndrome.

The College Football Hall of Fame coach spent two years at Mississippi State back in the mid-1950s before leaving for a year at Washington, which was followed by 20 seasons at Texas.

After two years in Starkville it was assumed that Dan Mullen would do likewise, bolting for a major program such as Florida or Miami. The feeling of impending doom got so thick that athletic director Scott Stricklin went on Twitter in December and asked Bulldog fans to keep cool and continue to buy Gator Bowl tickets.

And then a funny thing happened on the way to "what's next": Mullen decided to stay at Mississippi State, more than doubling his salary with a new four-year deal that will pay him \$2.65 million annually.

Bulldog fans were ecstatic. Couple Mullen's choice with Mississippi State's stunning 52-14 rout of Michigan in the Gator Bowl, and it's easy to imagine that expectations for the 2011 Bulldogs will be over the moon.

However, Mullen, like coaches do, urges restraint.

"I guess this will sound bad for our fans, but I'm not thinking about how I impressed our fans today," said Mullen during spring practice. "I'm thinking, 'Did we do everything we could to improve ourselves?'"

Improvement starts on offense with senior quarterback Chris Relf, who combined for 2,502 yards and 18 touchdowns last season.

Relf will likely get more pages to work with in Mullen's playbook, but a lot of what he's expected to do will consist of handing off to senior tailback Vick Ballard, who led the SEC in 2010 with 20 touchdowns (19 rushing, 1 receiving). Relf's top target also returns in junior wideout Chad Bumphis (44 catches, 634 yards, 5 TDs).

However, Mullen frets about his offensive line, where three starters return with senior Quentin Saulsberry sliding from right guard to center.

"Not the 'want to,' but as soon as you take one guy out there's a rookie coming in," Mullen says. "That's the biggest concern."

The defensive front appears solid despite the loss of All-SEC end Pernell McPhee. Tackles Josh Boyd and Fletcher Cox return with left end Sean Ferguson. The concern is a youthful linebacker corps, though fears may be diminished once Clemson transfer Brandon Maye arrives in August. He's expected to take over in the middle for the departed Chris White.

The pass defense needs to tighten up after surrendering 237.8 yards per game last season, but junior cornerbacks Johnthan Banks and Corey Broomfield, who each had three interceptions in 2010, make up a promising pair.

Derek DePasquale (10-of-

12 field goals) brings back his accurate foot.

GAME-CHANGER

Chris Relf, QB

Go ahead and dismiss Relf at your own peril. While he will get little if any love on preseason All-SEC ballots, his passing continues to improve and he is a potent run-pass threat.

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AUBURN

SEC WEST

TIGERS



No matter what, the Auburn Tigers will always have what they accomplished in the 2010 season: the school's first true national championship since 1957 and Cam Newton's Heisman Trophy, all covered in the cloud of confetti that rained down inside the University of Phoenix Stadium the night of Jan. 10.

Since then, however, life at Auburn has been like a hangover after the big party.

There has been the continued speculation about recruiting practices. An Alabama fan admitted to poisoning the oaks in Toomer's Corner. And the Auburn nation came to the sobering realization that graduation and the NFL draft will hit the 2011 Tigers where it hurts most: at quarterback, defensive tackle and on the offensive line.

Auburn coach Gene Chizik isn't conceding any defeats, but he sounds a realistic tone.

"Obviously, we have a very young football team," he says, "a lot of inexperience out there. We've got our work cut out for us."

The first step is to identify a starting quarterback. This isn't to imply that Auburn has someone who can replace Newton and his 4,327 total yards and 50 combined touchdowns from last season. That person doesn't exist. Junior Barrett Trotter and sophomore Clint Moseley waged an inconclusive duel in spring practice. There's even the possibility that Kiehl Frazier, an incoming freshman from Springdale, Ark., could be the man.

"Our quarterbacks did some nice things this spring," Chizik says. "We would have liked for them to have been a little more consistent. Kiehl, as with anybody coming in who's a freshman, we don't know how he's going to be. But we are going to play the best player."

The best player on Auburn's offense will likely be sophomore running back Michael Dyer, who rushed for 1,093 yards last year. Junior Ontario McCalebb also had 810 yards rushing and nine touchdowns in 2010.

Who blocks for them is a big issue. Auburn's veteran offensive line was vital to Newton's ad-libbing success in 2010. Four-fifths of that line is gone, with senior right tackle Brandon Mosley the only returning starter.

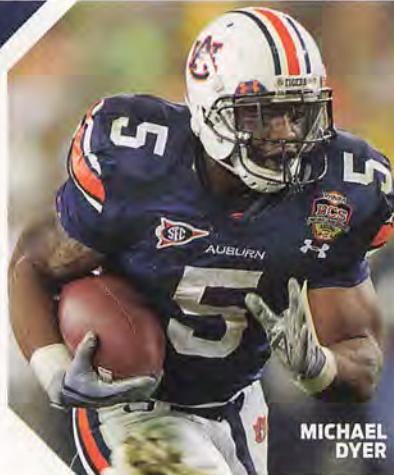
Defensively, replacing All-America tackle Nick Fairley and his 24 tackles for loss may be as impossible as replacing Newton.

The likely candidate is sophomore Ken Carter, who played in just half of Auburn's 14 games last year and recorded six tackles. Sophomore Jeffrey Whitaker and highly touted incoming freshman Gabe Wright will also help plug that hole. In the secondary, Auburn's top returning tackler (64 stops) is back in 6-2, 185-pound senior Neiko Thorpe.

GAME-CHANGER

Michael Dyer, RB

The MVP of Auburn's BCS championship game victory over Oregon, Dyer will be called on to take on even more of an expansive role in this year's offense with the departure of Cam Newton. He'll share the carries with Ontario McCalebb, which will give Auburn a nice change of pace.



MICHAEL DYER



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Utah State | |
| S.10 | Mississippi State | 17-14 |
| S.17 | @CLEMSON | 27-24 (OT) |
| S.24 | Florida Atlantic | |
| O.1 | @SOUTH CAROLINA | 35-27 |
| O.8 | @ARKANSAS | 65-43 |
| O.15 | Florida | |
| O.22 | @LSU | 24-17 |
| O.29 | Ole Miss | 51-31 |
| N.12 | @GEORGIA | 49-31 |
| N.19 | Samford | |
| N.26 | Alabama | 28-27 |

COACH

Gene Chizik

3rd year (22-5)

Career record: 27-24

Offensive coordinator:

Gus Malzahn (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Ted Roof (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 14-0 SEC: 8-0
(beat Oregon in the BCS National Championship Game, 22-19)

Stadium: Jordan-Hare Stadium
(87,451)

Tickets: 800-AUB-1957

Site: Auburn, Ala.

Official athletic Web site:
www.auburntigers.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------------------|
| QB | 14 | Barrett Trotter (6-2, 206, Jr.) |
| FB | 37 | Ladarius Phillips (6-0, 291, Fr.) |
| RB | 5 | Michael Dyer (5-9, 206, So.) |
| LOT | 77 | A.J. Greene (6-5, 298, Sr.) |
| LOG | 79 | Jared Cooper (6-4, 298, Sr.) |
| C | 63 | Blake Burgess (6-2, 273, So.) |
| ROG | 71 | John Sullen (6-6, 336, Jr.) |
| ROT | 75 | Brandon Mosley (6-6, 306, Sr.) |
| TE | 43 | Philip Lutzenkirchen (6-4, 253, Jr.) |
| WR | 80 | Emory Blake (6-1, 197, Jr.) |
| WR | 9 | Quindarius Carr (6-1, 180, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 55 | Corey Lemonier (6-4, 229, So.) |
| LOT | 92 | Ken Carter (6-5, 287, So.) |
| RDT | 54 | Jeffrey Whitaker (6-3, 310, So.) |
| RDE | 94 | Nosa Eguia (6-2, 255, So.) |
| SLB | 25 | Daren Bates (5-11, 201, Jr.) |
| MLB | 5 | Jake Holland (6-0, 232, So.) |
| WLB | 35 | Jonathan Evans (5-11, 225, Jr.) |
| LCB | 22 | T'Sharvan Bell (6-0, 182, Jr.) |
| RCB | 11 | Chris Davis (5-10, 192, So.) |
| FS | 15 | Neiko Thorpe (6-2, 185, Sr.) |
| SS | 12 | Demetruce McNeal (6-1, 188, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 36 | Cody Parkey (6-0, 184, So.) |
| P | 30 | Steven Clark (6-5, 228, So.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



► RATING THE RECRUTS

1 ► Christian Westerman: OT, 6-5, 288

A Texas commit before flipping to the Tigers, Westerman is an elite tackle prospect. However, he could project at guard as well.

2 ► Reese Dismukes: C, 6-3, 272

Dismukes led his team to a state championship in Alabama and competed in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic. He has the ability to play early at Auburn.

3 ► Quan Bray: ATH, 5-11, 178

Bray is one of the more dynamic athletes in the country. He has the ability to play running back, wide receiver or defensive back in the SEC.

4 ► Kiehl Frazier: QB, 6-2, 210

Frazier has been a winner at every level of football he has played. He's a strong-armed quarterback with athleticism who fits well into Gus Malzahn's creative schemes.

5 ► Kris Frost: WR/DB, 6-3, 214

Also a skilled wide receiver, Frost is a headhunter on the defensive side of the ball. As a defensive back, he has the athleticism to run with receiving targets.

OLE MISS

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REBELS

SEC WEST

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 1 | Randall Mackey (5-11, 195, Jr.) |
| FB | 45 | H.R. Greer (5-11, 235, So.) |
| RB | 34 | Brandon Bolden (5-11, 221, Sr.) |
| LOT | 78 | Bradley Sowell (6-7, 315, Sr.) |
| LOG | 73 | Alex Washington (6-4, 356, Sr.) |
| C | 76 | A.J. Hawkins (6-3, 313, Jr.) |
| ROG | 75 | Matt Hall (6-9, 340, Jr.) |
| ROT | 79 | Bobby Massie (6-6, 325, Jr.) |
| TE | 83 | Ferbia Allen (6-3, 235, Jr.) |
| WR | 5 | Melvin Harris (6-6, 210, Jr.) |
| WR | 85 | Ja-Mes Logan (6-2, 190, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| LDE | 7 | Wayne Dorsey (6-6, 262, Sr.) |
| NT | 93 | Justin Smith (6-3, 298, Sr.) |
| DT | 58 | Corey Gaines (6-1, 302, So.) |
| RDE | 90 | Gerald Rivers (6-5, 245, Jr.) |
| SLB | 15 | Joel Kight (5-9, 226, Jr.) |
| MLB | 52 | Mike Marry (6-2, 248, So.) |
| WLB | 10 | Clarence Jackson (6-1, 235, So.) |
| LCB | 4 | Marcus Temple (5-10, 196, Sr.) |
| RCB | 3 | Charles Sawyer (5-11, 174, So.) |
| FS | 1 | Damien Jackson (6-2, 210, Sr.) |
| SS | 13 | Brishen Mathews (5-11, 200, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|
| K | 81 | Bryson Rose (5-11, 197, Jr.) |
| P | 97 | Tyler Campbell (6-2, 227, Jr.) |

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5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

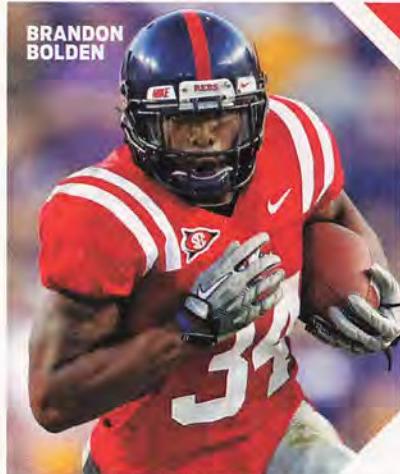
1 ▶ Nickolas Brassell: WR, 6-0, 169
Brassell hails from arguably the top high school team in America at South Panola (Miss.) High. One can argue that he's one of the most exciting players in America on offense, defense or in the return game.

2 ▶ C.J. Johnson: ILB, 6-3, 220
A true, physical middle linebacker, Johnson was a huge in-state steal from Mississippi State. He is one of the truly elite defenders in the entire 2011 class.

3 ▶ Donte Moncrief: WR, 6-3, 208
Moncrief quietly emerged as one of the top receivers in the country because of his strength, size, speed and great understanding of the position.

4 ▶ Senquez Golson: CB, 5-10, 180
With Ole Miss looking for immediate help in the secondary, a lot will be asked of Golson, who has shown great instincts at the position.

5 ▶ Aaron Morris: OT, 6-5, 318
The best offensive line prospect in the state of Mississippi, Morris has the size and athleticism to develop into an elite SEC player.



BRANDON BOLDEN

Ole Miss

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------|------------|
| S.3 | BYU | |
| S.10 | Southern Illinois | |
| S.17 | @VANDERBILT | 14-28 |
| S.24 | Georgia | |
| O.1 | @FRESNO STATE | 55-38 |
| O.15 | Alabama | 10-23 |
| O.22 | Arkansas | 24-38 |
| O.29 | @AUBURN | 31-51 |
| N.5 | @KENTUCKY | 42-35 |
| N.12 | Louisiana Tech | |
| N.19 | LSU | 36-43 |
| N.26 | @MISSISSIPPI STATE | 23-31 |

COACH

Houston Nutt

3rd year (22-16)
Career record: 102-71 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

David Lee (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Tyrone Nix (4th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 4-8 SEC: 1-7

Stadium: Vaught-Hemingway

Stadium (60,580)

Tickets: 888-732-8587

Site: Oxford

Official athletic Web site:

www.olemisssports.com

The Houston Nutt era at Ole Miss began with the kind of success not seen in Oxford in decades. His first two teams went 9-4, each finishing with a Cotton Bowl win. It marked the first time since 1961-62 that the Rebels won nine games in back-to-back seasons and the first time since 1960-61 that they won consecutive January bowl games.

But after a disheartening 4-8 campaign in 2010 that started with the beguiling promise of great things with Oregon transfer quarterback Jeremiah Masoli, Nutt's program is starting over again from the bottom.

To Nutt's credit, the coach who always seems to be at his best when backed into a corner isn't standing pat. The Rebels managed to sign eight of Mississippi's top 15 prospects in February, and Nutt brought in three new assistants: offensive coordinator David Lee (Miami Dolphins), wide receivers coach Gunter Brewer (Oklahoma State) and secondary coach Keith Burns (Kansas State).

"We've got a lot of momentum," Nutt says. "We're looking forward to how the new coaches will work with the players."

Something had better work, because Nutt's seat has to be getting a little warm. The Rebels not only lost often in 2010 but also ugly: 28-14 at home to Vanderbilt, 51-31 at home to Auburn and 52-14 at Tennessee. The Rebels have also lost two straight to archrival Mississippi State, and Ole Miss hasn't lost three straight to the Bulldogs since World War II.

Junior Nathan Stanley, Masoli's heir apparent, transferred in April. That leaves the quarterback job wide open but likely in the hands of junior Randall Mackey, who sat out 2010 as a junior college transfer and possesses the mobility Nutt favors.

Whoever plays quarterback will have the pleasure of getting the ball to senior tailback Brandon Bolden, the Rebels' leader in rushing (976 yards), receiving (344) and points scored (102 on 17 TDs) last season.

Defensively, Ole Miss will try to get past the losses of All-SEC nose tackle Jerrell Powe and defensive tackle Ted Laurent. Senior Justin Smith takes over for Powe, while sophomore Corey Gaines is expected to replace Laurent.

"Justin Smith and Corey Gaines have to step up for us," Nutt says.

In April, the Rebels took another big hit when outside linebacker D.T. Shackelford tore an ACL, which will sideline him for at least six months. Sophomore Clarence Jackson is expected to take his place.

Last season, Ole Miss ranked 11th in the SEC in allowing 246.3 passing yards per game, so change was in order with the secondary. With Burns, the Rebels will play more press coverage. Cornerback Marcus Temple missed spring practice because of hernia surgery but should be fine by fall.

GAME-CHANGER

Brandon Bolden, RB

What doesn't Bolden do? One of the SEC's top all-around talents, he led the Rebels in rushing, receiving and scoring last season—and threw a pass. He makes the Rebels fun to watch.



PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

STOCK REPORT UP DOWN STEADY
BOWL PROJECTIONS

- 1 ▲ FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL
BBVA Compass Bowl
- 2 □ TROY
GoDaddy.com Bowl
- 3 □ NORTH TEXAS
New Orleans Bowl
- 4 ▲ LOUISIANA-MONROE
- 5 □ MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
- 6 □ FLORIDA ATLANTIC
- 7 ▲ WESTERN KENTUCKY
- 8 ▼ ARKANSAS STATE
- 9 ▼ LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

by Brian McLaughlin, *Sporting News*

- 1 ▷ WESTERN KENTUCKY The big pickup for the Hilltoppers was south Florida product Daerius Washington, a linebacker who had several high-major options.
- 2 ▷ MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE The Blue Raiders always do a nice job in Florida, and this year they plucked four of their best signees from the Sunshine State.
- 3 ▷ ARKANSAS STATE The Red Wolves added two huge offensive linemen from the juco ranks in Aaron Williams and James Williams.
- 4 ▷ LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE It was a huge haul for the Ragin' Cajuns (28 signees), and the cherry on top was talented in-state DB Dexter Aucoin.
- 5 ▷ FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL The "other" school in Miami, FIU did a great job in south Florida. One sleeper prospect is DB Corey Tindal.
- 6 ▷ TROY Keep an eye on DE Deon Lee from the Florida panhandle—he had SEC, Big Ten, Big 12, Big East and Pac-12 offers.
- 7 ▷ NORTH TEXAS There could be a nice future battle between incoming 6-4 quarterbacks Cooper Jones and Brent Osborn.
- 8 ▷ LOUISIANA-MONROE The Warhawks signed 21 players, including two quarterbacks.
- 9 ▷ FLORIDA ATLANTIC The Owls signed 24 players—all from Florida, with 11 of them coming from the southern part of the Sunshine State.

BCS neighborhood still far off in the distance for growing SBC

By Michael Bradley

There is continuity. There is postseason success. There are successful coaches.

Slowly, but surely, the Sun Belt Conference is maturing into the best conference it can be.

That may sound like a modest goal, but let's face it, this league isn't about to become a BCS automatic qualifier. However, in this crazy age of conference reshuffling, the Sun Belt might be a player in the future. With the splintering of the Western Athletic Conference and Sun Belt's anything-goes efforts to keep the confederation together, it's possible the SBC could become a preferred destination for Louisiana Tech and New Mexico State. Coupled with the pending move to FBS status of South Alabama's football team, that would give the Sun Belt 12 teams and the opportunity to stage a championship game.

Keep in mind, though, that a 12-team SBC isn't the same as a 12-team Big Ten. But a funny thing is happening to the Sun Belt, as the leagues around it shift. It has become a target destination, rather than a jumping-off point, for schools looking to make the move to FBS. While other leagues are in flux, the Sun Belt offers stability and the chance to grow. Grow slowly, but grow nonetheless.

On the field, Sun Belt competition continues to improve. Florida International, Troy and North Texas have bowl aspirations, while Louisiana-Monroe continues to get better. It's not smart to dismiss Middle Tennessee State, as the Blue Raiders have reached bowl games in three of the past five seasons. Even Western Kentucky, which two years ago was cannon fodder for the rest of the league, is on the rise.

As usual, there is some news on the coaching front, with former Iowa State mentor Dan McCarney (North Texas), Hugh Freeze (Arkansas State) and Mark Hudspeth (Louisiana-Lafayette) taking over new jobs.

ASCENDING



WESTERN KENTUCKY

► Western is still a long way from contention, but the Hilltoppers' fledgling FBS program continues to improve, and coach Willie Taggart has a pile of young talent.

DESCENDING



ARKANSAS STATE

► It was only two years ago that many believed the Red Wolves were serious title contenders. Now, new coach Hugh Freeze must find a way to get ASU to play some defense.

TRENDING

- 1 North Texas and Florida Atlantic open new stadiums this season; two more reasons the league is making strides.

- 2 No matter how many other schools make moves toward the top of the Sun Belt, remember that everything goes through Troy. The Trojans have won or shared five straight titles.

ALL-SUN BELT

OFFENSE

- QB Ryan Aplin, Jr., Arkansas State
- RB Lance Dunbar, Sr., North Texas
- RB Bobby Rainey, Sr., Western Kentucky
- DL James Brown, Sr., Troy
- DL Justin Roberts, Sr., Louisiana-Monroe
- DL Wes Jeffries, Sr., Western Kentucky
- DL Curtis Bryant, Sr., Florida International
- DL Brandon McLeroy, Sr., Middle Tennessee
- TE Ladarius Green, Sr., Louisiana-Lafayette
- WR T.Y. Hilton, Sr., Florida International
- WR Luther Ambrose, Sr., Louisiana-Monroe

DEFENSE

- DL Jonathan Massaquoi, Jr., Troy
- DL Dorvus Woods, Sr., Arkansas State
- DL Tourek Williams, Jr., Florida International
- DL Ken Dorsey, Sr., Louisiana-Monroe
- LB Demario Davis, Sr., Arkansas State
- LB Winston Fraser, Jr., Florida International
- LB Cameron Blakes, Jr., Louisiana-Monroe
- DB Marcus Bartels, Sr., Florida Atlantic
- DB Jonathan Cyprien, Jr., Florida International
- DB Darius Prelow, Sr., Louisiana-Monroe
- DB Eric Russell, Sr., Middle Tennessee

SPECIALISTS

- K Zach Olen, So., North Texas
- P Josh Davis, So., Middle Tennessee

RATING THE SUN BELT

► FASTEST RECEIVER

T.Y. Hilton, WR, FIU

► BEST HANDS

Luther Ambrose, WR, La.-Monroe

► BEST PASSING QB

Corey Robinson, Troy

► BEST RUNNING QB

Ryan Aplin, Arkansas State

► MOST ELUSIVE RB

Lance Dunbar, North Texas

► BEST INSTINCTS

T.Y. Hilton, WR, FIU

► BEST ATHLETE

T.Y. Hilton, WR, FIU

► BEST UNDER PRESSURE

Corey Robinson, QB, Troy

► TOP NFL PROSPECT

T.Y. Hilton, WR, FIU

► TOP IMPACT FRESHMAN

Bryan Holmes, WR, Troy

► HARDEST HITTER

Jonathan Cyprien, DB, FIU

► BIGGEST OVERACHIEVER

Alfred Morris, RB, Florida Atlantic

► BEST INTERVIEW

Larry Blakeney, Troy

► BEST COACH

Larry Blakeney, Troy

► BEST RECRUITER

Mario Cristobal, FIU

► BEST ROAD TRIP

Florida International

- 3 With nine of last year's top 10 quarterbacks returning and eight of the 10 leading rushers coming back, expect another big year of offense in the Belt this season.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB 13 Wesley Carroll (6-1, 202, Sr.)
RB 28 Darriet Perry (5-9, 202, Sr.)
LOT 54 Rupert Bryan (6-2, 276, Jr.)
LOG 53 Giancarlo Revilla (6-2, 268, Jr.)
C 72 Cedrick Davis (6-4, 305, So.)
ROG 61 Curtis Bryant (6-2, 283, Sr.)
ROT 71 Caylin Hauptmann (6-4, 311, Jr.)
TE 15 Colt Anderson (6-4, 220, Sr.)
WR 88 Jacob Younger (6-2, 195, Jr.)
WR 5 Wayne Times (5-11, 178, Jr.)
WR 4 T.Y. Hilton (5-10, 183, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE 97 Tourek Williams (6-4, 247, Jr.)
LDT 48 Kasey Smith (6-2, 272, Jr.)
RDT 96 Joshua Forney (6-2, 270, Jr.)
RDE 94 James Jones (6-1, 248, Sr.)
SLB 34 Winston Fraser (6-2, 227, Jr.)
MLB 22 Markeith Russell (6-1, 213, Jr.)
WLB 41 Kenneth Dillard (6-0, 213, Jr.)
LCB 25 Jonathan Cyprien (6-0, 205, Jr.)
RCB 27 Jose Cheeseborough (5-9, 160, So.)
FS 24 Emmanuel Sourin (5-11, 176, Jr.)
SS 21 Chuck Grace (5-10, 185, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K 38 Jack Griffin (5-10, 195, Jr.)
P 40 Josh Brisk (5-10, 190, Jr.)

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Derrick Thorpe: OT, 6-4, 250

FIU scored a big recruiting win by signing Thorpe, who had an offer from Arkansas and also officially visited West Virginia. The athletic tackle has the chance to be a multiyear starter.

2 ▶ Dominique Rhymes: ATH, 6-4, 210

The Golden Panthers made Miami Northwestern High a focal point of their recruiting efforts, and one of those products was Rhymes. He could play on either side of the ball, but likely projects as a tight end.

3 ▶ Clinton Taylor: WR, 5-8, 150

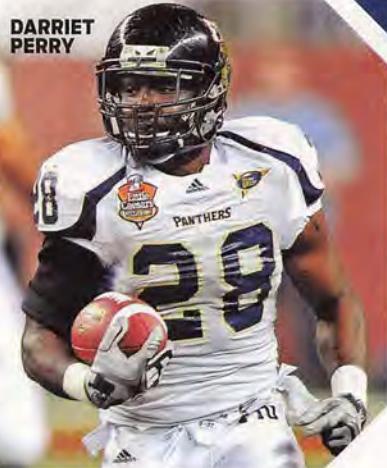
Taylor was a teammate of Dominique Rhymes at Miami Northwestern. The diminutive, quick receiver will provide playmaking ability on offense and special teams.

4 ▶ Corey Tindal: CB, 5-10, 175

Tindal may have been the biggest recruiting coup of FIU's class. The cornerback entertained offers from Maryland, Marshall and Minnesota before picking the Golden Panthers.

5 ▶ Elijah Maxey: ATH, 6-0, 200

Duke and Illinois offered Maxey, a talented athlete. He could play on either side of the ball.



GOLDEN PANTHERS

SUN BELT

This may not be the best news for Florida International fans, but the Golden Panthers had better enjoy Mario Cristobal while they can. If the charismatic fifth-year head coach continues his recent success, there is no doubt the big boys will come knocking.

It wouldn't be a mistake for them to look his way, even if that means breaking the hearts of FIU fans throughout south Florida. Cristobal has emerged as one of the profession's top young coaches, and his ability to build a program that enters its 10th year into a conference champion is impressive. FIU Stadium isn't exactly the "Big House," but it has enjoyed near-capacity crowds as the Golden Panthers won six of seven games during one stretch, captured the Sun Belt title and beat Toledo in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl in Detroit last season.

That was just an appetizer. Florida International isn't heading for a BCS bowl or anything, but last year's success was the first step. Through his tireless recruiting efforts, Cristobal has built a program that is more talented than the one he took over. FIU is faster, deeper and stronger than ever, and that's bad news for the other members of a conference that's in near-constant flux.

This year's offense is a perfect example of Cristobal's stellar recruiting. Were it not for the departures of two solid linemen, the attack would return almost intact from 2010, with playmakers all over the place.

Start at running back, where last year's top four rushers return in Darriet Perry (839 yards, 16 TDs), Darian Mallary (679, 2), Jeremiah Harden (327, 1) and Kedrick Rhodes (293, 1). The line is solid, especially in the middle, where guards Rupert Bryan and Curtis Bryant reside.

Wesley Carroll is back under center after completing 61.6 percent of his throws for 2,623 yards and 16 touchdowns. He must cut back on the 14 interceptions he threw last year, however. If Carroll keeps targeting senior T.Y. Hilton (59 catches, 5 TDs), all will go well. Hilton is an explosive player with great speed. Junior Wayne Times looks to join Hilton as a big-time weapon.

The FIU defense needs to get better, and that's why Cristobal brought Todd Orlando to town. He'll be helped by the return of several key defensive linemen, particularly Tourek Williams (13.5 tackles for loss).

Winston Fraser (72 tackles) is the top linebacker, while all-conference cornerback Jonathan Cyprien led the team with 113 tackles a year ago and should be impressive again in 2011.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|---------------------|------------|
| S.1 | North Texas | 34-10 |
| S.9 | @LOUISVILLE | |
| S.17 | UCF | |
| S.24 | Louisiana-Lafayette | 38-17 |
| O.1 | Duke | |
| O.8 | @AKRON | |
| O.18 | @ARKANSAS STATE | 31-24 |
| O.25 | Troy | 52-35 |
| N.5 | @WESTERN KENTUCKY | 28-21 |
| N.12 | Florida Atlantic | 9-21 |
| N.19 | @LA-MONROE | 42-35(2OT) |
| N.26 | @MIDDLE TENNESSEE | 27-28 |

COACH

Mario Cristobal

5th year (16-33)

Career record: 16-33

Offensive coordinator:

Scott Satterfield (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Todd Orlando (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 7-6 SUN BELT: 6-2

(beat Toledo in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl, 34-32)

Stadium: FIU Stadium (20,000)

Tickets: 866-FIU-GAME

Site: Miami

Official athletic Web site:

www.fiusports.com

GAME-CHANGER

T.Y. Hilton, WR

If you're looking to see how Hilton can impact a game, consider his performance against Troy last season. The Trojans held him to two catches, but they went for 75 yards. He also carried the ball only six times, but gained 158 yards and scored twice. Hilton can hurt teams catching, running or returning—and when he doesn't do any of that, he's one heck of a decoy.

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SUN BELT

TROY TROJANS

Even though the Trojans won eight games last year and blasted Ohio in the New Orleans Bowl, Troy dropped a pair of Sun Belt games and is now on an even playing field with Florida International. Expect a slugfest between the two this year, thanks to the Trojans' potent offense and improved defense. Troy may not have the same level of talent it has had in the past, but it is still a championship-caliber team.

The good feelings begin under center, where redshirt sophomore Corey Robinson returns after a huge debut campaign. He completed 63.6 percent of his throws and accumulated 3,726 yards and 28 touchdowns last season. In the bowl rout of Ohio, he set a record with 387 yards and four scores. Sure, Robinson threw 15 picks throughout the year, but you can't expect perfection from a redshirt freshman. If he stays healthy, Robinson will smash a lot of records.

Robinson's only problem is that last year's top three receivers, most notably Jerrel Jernigan, are gone. However, the young crop of targets looked good during the spring, but they have to step up quickly.

If the new receivers don't produce, expect a large dose of junior tailback Shawn Southward, who gained 623 yards and scored seven times last year. He'll have to hope a young line matures quickly.

Senior middle linebacker Xavier Lamb (91 tackles) leads the defense, while junior end Jonathan Massaquoi (13.5 sacks) is a terror off the edge. The secondary, led by junior cornerback KeJuan Phillips, is deep and experienced.



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------------|------------|
| 5.3 | @CLEMSON | |
| 5.17 | @ARKANSAS | |
| 5.24 | Middle Tennessee State | 42-13 |
| 6.1 | UAB | 33-34 |
| 6.8 | @LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE | 31-24 |
| 6.15 | Louisiana-Monroe | 14-28 |
| 6.25 | @FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL | 35-52 |
| 7.5 | @NAVY | |
| 7.12 | North Texas | 41-35 |
| 7.19 | Florida Atlantic | 44-7 |
| 7.26 | @WESTERN KENTUCKY | 28-14 |
| 8.3 | @ARKANSAS STATE | 35-28 |

COACHES

Coach: Larry Blakeney, 21st year (161-82-1)

Career record: 161-82-1

Offensive coordinator:

Kenny Edenfield (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Jeremy Rowell (5th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 8-5 SUN BELT: 6-2

(beat Ohio in the New Orleans Bowl, 48-21)

STADIUM: Movie Gallery Stadium (30,000)

TICKETS: 877-878-9467

SITE: Troy, Ala.

Official athletic Web site:
www.troytrojans.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 6 | Corey Robinson (6-0, 214, So.) |
| RB | 20 | Shawn Southward (5-8, 182, Jr.) |
| LOT | 70 | James Brown (6-4, 329, Sr.) |
| LOG | 77 | Kyle Wilborn (6-4, 311, Jr.) |
| C | 60 | Zach Swindall (6-1, 282, Sr.) |
| ROG | 78 | Jacob Creech (6-3, 292, So.) |
| ROT | 75 | Terrence Jones (6-4, 315, Fr.) |
| TE | 13 | Gavin Ellis (6-6, 239, So.) |
| WR | 1 | Brett Moncrief (6-3, 205, Sr.) |
| WR | 8 | Chip Reeves (5-11, 169, Sr.) |
| WR | 14 | Jamel Johnson (6-2, 202, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 94 | Jonathan Massaquoi (6-2, 250, Jr.) |
| LDT | 47 | Tony Davis (6-0, 252, Jr.) |
| ROD | 92 | Emmanuel Dudley (6-1, 285, Sr.) |
| RDE | 97 | John Robles (6-4, 245, Sr.) |
| SLB | 44 | Kanorris Davis (5-10, 206, Jr.) |
| MLB | 25 | Xavier Lamb (5-9, 220, Sr.) |
| WLB | 42 | Brannon Bryan (6-0, 230, Jr.) |
| LCB | 19 | Jimmie Anderson (5-8, 154, Sr.) |
| RCB | 34 | KeJuan Phillips (5-9, 176, Jr.) |
| FS | 15 | Barry Valcin (5-11, 195, Sr.) |
| SS | 10 | Bryndon Trawick (6-3, 210, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|---------------------------------|
| K | 18 | Michael Taylor (5-10, 215, Sr.) |
| P | 47 | Will Goggans (6-0, 233, Sr.) |

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SUN BELT

NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN



By the time last December rolled around, Mean Green fans felt better about their team than they had just a couple months before. First, offensive coordinator Mike Canales took over on an interim basis for deposed head coach Todd Dodge and led the team to a pair of victories and a couple of near-misses. Even though North Texas didn't reward Canales with the full-time spot, it did lure Dan McCarney, who had helped Iowa State to prosperity over a decade as the head man in Ames. McCarney, known for his no-nonsense approach, kept Canales on board to run the offense, and North Texas has been preparing for good things ahead.

The first order of business was settling the quarterback situation, which sophomore Derek Thompson, who broke his leg during the 2010 season, solidified in spring practices by warding off junior college transfer Brent Osborn. Thompson is an accurate passer who makes good decisions. He'll work with senior running back Lance Dunbar, who ran for 1,553 yards and scored 13 touchdowns last year. He'll also throw to junior Darius Carey (38 catches, 5 TDs) and senior Tyler Stratford (24, 2). But UNT must bolster its offensive front, which lost two first-team all-league performers.

McCarney brought in Clint Bowen to run the defense, and the former defensive coordinator at Kansas has some work to do after the Mean Green allowed 29.7 points per game last year. Linebackers Jeremy Phillips (69 tackles) and Zach Orr (60) are good places to start, while senior end Brandon Akpunku anchors the front. Senior corner D'Leon McCord leads the secondary, which had only eight interceptions in 2010.

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------------|------------|
| 5.1 | @FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL | 10-34 |
| 5.10 | Houston | |
| 5.17 | @ALABAMA | |
| 5.24 | Indiana | |
| 6.1 | @TULSA | |
| 6.8 | Florida Atlantic | 21-17 |
| 6.15 | @LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE | 27-28 |
| 6.22 | Louisiana-Monroe | 37-49 |
| 6.29 | @ARKANSAS STATE | 19-24 |
| 7.12 | @TROY | 35-41 |
| 7.19 | Western Kentucky | 33-6 |
| 8.3 | Middle Tennessee State | 23-17 |

COACHES

Coach: Dan McCarney, 1st year

Career record: 56-85

Offensive coordinator:

Mike Canales (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Clint Bowen (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 3-9 SUN BELT: 3-5

STADIUM: Fouts Field (30,500)

TICKETS: 800-868-2366

SITE: Denton

Official athletic Web site:
www.meangreensports.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| QB | 7 | Derek Thompson (6-4, 225, So.) |
| RB | 5 | Lance Dunbar (5-9, 203, Sr.) |
| LOT | 71 | Antonio Johnson (6-5, 292, Fr.) |
| LOG | 57 | Mason Y'Barbo (6-2, 288, Fr.) |
| C | 56 | J.J. Johnson (6-3, 288, Sr.) |
| ROG | 60 | Aaron Fortenberry (6-4, 292, Jr.) |
| ROT | 72 | Matt Tomlinson (6-5, 300, Sr.) |
| TE | 89 | Daniel Prior (6-2, 228, Jr.) |
| WR | 82 | Michael Outlaw (6-0, 191, Sr.) |
| WR | 4 | Darius Carey (5-10, 188, Jr.) |
| WR | 14 | Tyler Stratford (6-2, 185, Sr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| LDE | 47 | Brandon Akpunku (6-1, 240, Sr.) |
| LDT | 49 | Tevinn Cantly (6-4, 336, Jr.) |
| ROD | 60 | Brandon McCoy (6-2, 265, Jr.) |
| RDE | 48 | K.C. Obi (6-2, 240, Jr.) |
| SLB | 40 | Will Wright (6-2, 204, So.) |
| MLB | 35 | Zach Orr (6-0, 240, So.) |
| WLB | 45 | Jeremy Phillips (6-3, 212, Jr.) |
| LCB | 21 | Royce Hill (6-0, 181, Sr.) |
| RCB | 20 | D'Leon McCord (6-1, 180, Sr.) |
| FS | 25 | Brad Graham (6-0, 199, Sr.) |
| SS | 18 | John Shorter (6-0, 195, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|
| K | 37 | Zach Olen (5-10, 206, So.) |
| P | 41 | Will Atterberry (5-11, 195, Jr.) |

LOUISIANA-MONROE

WARHAWKS

MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST.

BLUE RAIDERS

SUN BELT

Optimism is high in the Warhawks' camp thanks to the return of 19 starters from a squad that finished 4-4 in the league and lost a two-overtime heartbreaker against FIU. Quarterback Kolton

Browning, the Sun Belt Freshman of the Year in 2010, returns to improve on last year's impressive debut, when he completed 61.9 percent of his passes. The next step for the dangerous run-pass talent is to cut back on the interceptions (12).

Browning has targets aplenty from which to choose, including senior Luther Ambrose (65 catches, 6 TDs), a sticky-fingered receiver who was second-team all-league last year. Sophomore Tavares Maye (43, 3), senior Anthony McCall (33, 2) and junior Brent Leonard (33, 3) are other weapons on the outside.

The offensive line returns intact, but second-year coach Todd Berry must figure out who will run behind it, as top back Frank Goodin is gone (Not that ULM tore up the turf last year, averaging 3.1 yards per carry). It could be sophomore Jyruss Edwards, who gained 375 yards in his debut. Sophomore Centarius Donald will also get a chance.

The defense loses only two starters and hopes to improve its front seven after allowing 23 rushing touchdowns in 2010. Junior linebacker Cameron Blakes had 11 tackles for loss last year, while senior end Ken Dorsey was in enemy backfields 12 times. Senior linebacker Jason Edwards (75 stops) and safety Darius Prelow are all-league candidates.

COACHES

Coach: Todd Berry, 2nd year (5-7)

Career record: 10-49

Offensive coordinator: Steve Farmer (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator: Troy Reffett (3rd year)

**FAST FACTS**

2010 RECORD: 5-7 SUN BELT: 4-4

Stadium: Malone Stadium (30,427)

Tickets: 318-342-3ULM

Site: Monroe

Official athletic Web site: www.ulm athletics.com**SCHEDULE****DATE OPPONENT**

- S.3** @FLORIDA STATE
- S.10** Grambling State
- S.17** @TCU
- S.24** @IOWA
- 0.8** Arkansas State
- 0.15** @TROY
- 0.22** @NORTH TEXAS
- 0.29** Western Kentucky
- N.5** @LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE
- N.12** Middle Tennessee State
- N.19** Florida International
- D.3** @FLORIDA ATLANTIC

If the Blue Raiders replicate last year's *GoDaddy.com* Bowl appearance, coach Rick Stockstill should be in line for a few honors, as he has to replace talent and leadership all over the roster. The defense is

especially bare after eight starters have moved on. Almost as important as the personnel losses is the need for a better sense of team, as some of the individualism hurt the program in 2010.

Dwight Dasher is gone at quarterback, but that's not so terrible, as his 6-to-18 touchdown-to-interception ratio wasn't the best around. Sophomore Logan Kilgore and junior Jeff Murphy each saw time last year, but they also struggled with turnovers. Expect Kilgore to get the nod in September.

The loss of Phillip Tanner leaves the ground game in the hands of senior back D.D. Kyles (414 yards) and junior Benjamin Cunningham, who will work behind a line that was banged up in the spring. Seniors Malcolm Beyah (29 catches) and Sancho McDonald (21) lead the receiving corps.

The strength of MTSU's depleted defense is at linebacker, where senior Darin Davis (81 tackles, 3 INTs) and junior Justin Jones (68 tackles) return. Cornerback Arness Ikner and safety Derrick Crumpton lead the secondary, which will miss first-team all-league pick Jeremy Kellem. And the loss of Jamari Lattimore (11.5 sacks) means the defensive line will need to find some leaders among a young crop.

COACHES

Coach: Rick Stockstill, 6th year (33-30)

Career record: 33-30

Offensive coordinator: Willie Simmons (1st year)

Defensive coordinator: Steve Ellis (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 6-7 SUN BELT: 5-3

Stadium: Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium (30,788)

Tickets: 888-YES-MTSU

Site: Murfreesboro

Official athletic Web site: www.goblueraiders.com**5**

SUN BELT

SCHEDULE**DATE OPPONENT**

- S.3** @PURDUE
- S.10** Georgia Tech
- S.24** @TROY
- 0.1** Memphis
- 0.6** Western Kentucky
- 0.22** @FLORIDA ATLANTIC
- 0.29** Louisiana-Lafayette
- N.5** @TENNESSEE
- N.12** @LOUISIANA-MONROE
- N.19** Arkansas State
- N.26** Florida International
- D.3** @NORTH TEXAS

FLORIDA ATLANTIC

OWLS

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SUN BELT

When Howard Schnellenberger took over Florida Atlantic's fledgling program 10 years ago, he said the Owls would someday play in a sparkling, on-campus stadium, rather than decrepit Lockhart

Stadium, 15 miles from campus.

In October, that forecast comes true, as the Owls move into their new 30,000-seat home. It can't happen quickly enough. After bowl wins in 2007 and '08, FAU has become a Sun Belt also-ran, a fact driven home by last year's 4-8 campaign. It has been hard for Schnellenberger, who oozes confidence, to recruit without a suitable home, something reflected in the team's recent play.

The new stadium won't be an immediate answer to the Owls' problems, because a lot of talent is gone from last year's team, including quarterback Jeff Van Camp, FAU's three top receivers and five of its top six tacklers. Florida Atlantic may be playing in some fancy new digs this season, but the action on the field might not match the sparkling beauty of its surroundings.

The battle to replace Van Camp will continue into the summer, as neither David Kooi nor Graham Wilbert, a pair of tall juniors, have proven worthy yet. Whoever wins will have the security of running back Alfred Morris (928 rushing yards in 2010) and an experienced line. Free safety Marcus Bartels is the stalwart on a defense that needs to improve drastically.

**COACHES**

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger, 11th year (57-63)

Career record: 157-140-3

Offensive coordinator: Darryl Jackson (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator: Kurt Van Valkenburgh (2nd year)

**FAST FACTS**

2010 RECORD: 4-8 SUN BELT: 3-5

Stadium: FAU Stadium (30,000)

Tickets: 866-FAU-OWLS

Site: Boca Raton

Official athletic Web site: www.fausports.com

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WESTERN KENTUCKY

SUN BELT

HILLTOPPERS

If the Hilltoppers indeed finish seventh best in the Sun Belt, it will be a step forward for a program that is in its third year as a full-fledged FBS member. When coach Willie Taggart took over before last season,

the team was coming off a winless campaign, and every position on the field was up for grabs. Although WKU lost six starters from its 2010 team, there is young talent throughout the program and the prospect of continued improvement.

The offense has the potential to be dangerous, provided junior quarterback Kawaun Jakes, who completed just 51.2 percent of his passes last year, continues to mature. He has the benefit of plenty of experience around him, most notably senior running back Bobby Rainey (1,649 yards, 15 TDs), a first-team all-league performer who can handle a heavy workload. If his numbers go down this year, that could be a good thing, as it likely means Jakes and his top receivers—Marcus Vasquez (30 catches) and Willie McNeal (26)—are more productive.

All three starting linebackers from a year ago are gone, but some experience returns in Xavius Boyd, who started seven games in 2010. Safety Ryan Beard leads the secondary, which must improve on last year's eight interceptions. Junior Quanterus Smith (4 sacks) is the main man up front, where Western must produce more pressure on the quarterback.

COACHES

Coach: Willie Taggart, 2nd year (2-10)

Career record: 2-10

Offensive coordinator: Willie Taggart (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator: Lance Guidry (1st year)



FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 2-10 SUN BELT: 2-6

Stadium: Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium (23,500)

Tickets: 800-5-BIG-RED

Site: Bowling Green

Official athletic Web site: www.wkusports.com

SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT

- S.1 Kentucky*
- S.10 Navy
- S.17 Indiana State
- O.1 Arkansas State
- O.6 @MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST.
- O.15 @FLORIDA ATLANTIC
- O.22 Louisiana-Lafayette
- O.29 @LOUISIANA-MONROE
- N.5 Florida International
- N.12 @LSU
- N.19 @NORTH TEXAS
- N.26 Troy

*at Nashville, Tenn.

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ARKANSAS STATE

SUN BELT

SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT

- S.3 @ILLINOIS
- S.10 Memphis
- S.17 @VIRGINIA TECH
- S.24 Central Arkansas
- O.1 @WESTERN KENTUCKY
- O.8 @LOUISIANA-MONROE
- O.18 Florida International
- O.29 North Texas
- N.5 @FLORIDA ATLANTIC
- N.12 Louisiana-Lafayette
- N.19 @MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST.
- D.3 Troy

After two straight seasons of unmet expectations, the Red Wolves made a change at the top, replacing nine-year coach Steve Roberts with his offensive coordinator, Hugh Freeze. It's a sound move, since

Arkansas State was second in the Sun Belt in total offense last year under Freeze.

But the Red Wolves struggled on the other side of the ball, so Freeze's main challenge won't be putting up points but preventing games from turning into shootouts. Seven returning starters on defense make that possible, although they'll have to surrender less than 30.8 points per game like last year.

Linebackers Nathan Herrold (78 tackles) and Demario Davis (63) are the top holdover defenders, while strong safety Kelcie McCray (79 tackles, 2 INTs) anchors the secondary. Arkansas State will miss Bryan Hall up front, but Dorvus Woods and Jeremy Gibson have potential to get to the quarterback.

There is plenty of skill on offense, led by first-team All-Sun Belt quarterback Ryan Aplin (2,939 passing yards, 21 TDs), wideout Dwayne Frampton (69 catches, 6 TDs) and running back Derek Lawson (500 yards, 4 TDs). Freeze's problem is along the offensive front, where four starters are gone. To remedy that, he went the junior college route, importing four transfers to help fortify the unit around returning center Tom Castilaw.

COACHES

Coach: Hugh Freeze, 1st year

Offensive coordinator: Hugh Freeze (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator: Dave Wommack (1st year)



FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 4-8 SUN BELT: 4-4

Stadium: ASU Stadium (30,964)

Tickets: 888-ASU-FANS

Site: Jonesboro

Official athletic Web site: www.astatedredwolves.com

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LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

SUN BELT

RAGIN' CAJUNS

SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT

- S.3 @OKLAHOMA STATE
- S.10 @KENT STATE
- S.17 Nicholls State
- S.24 @FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL
- O.1 Florida Atlantic
- O.8 Troy
- O.15 North Texas
- O.22 @WESTERN KENTUCKY
- O.29 @MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST.
- N.5 Louisiana-Monroe
- N.12 @ARKANSAS STATE
- N.26 @ARIZONA

Anybody who watched Mississippi State throttle Michigan in last year's Gator Bowl had to have been impressed with the Bulldogs' offense under the direction of Mark Hudspeth. Now the new head man at Louisiana-

Lafayette, Hudspeth will try to breathe life into a Ragin' Cajun attack that managed just 22.3 points a game last year while not forgetting that a defense that allowed an average of 37 points also needs help.

The good news is that Hudspeth inherits a program with tradition, a proud fan base and a fair amount of holdovers. So, he's not facing an onerous rebuilding project, but there is a lot of work to be done, beginning with the defense.

Three of the top four tacklers from last year return, and all are seniors. Linebacker Devon Lewis-Buchanan (63 tackles, 6 tackles for loss) has good speed, while safety Lionel Stokes (59 tackles) and Dwight Bentley (58) are productive. But the Cajuns need to get more pressure on the quarterback after registering just 17 sacks in 2010. Ends Emeka Onyenekwu and Bernard Smith must answer the call.

Two-year starter Chris Masson had a good spring at quarterback, but he's still battling Blaine Gautier and Brad McGuire for the starting position. All played last year, but none stood out. McGuire had a big game in his only start against Ohio. Sophomore back Aaron Spikes (339 rushing yards) led a ground game that sputtered throughout 2010, while 6-6 Ladarius Green (44 catches) can get downfield as quickly as any tight end in the country.

COACHES

Coach: Mark Hudspeth, 1st year

Offensive coordinator: Jay Johnson (1st year)

Defensive coordinator: Greg Stewart (1st year)



FAST FACTS

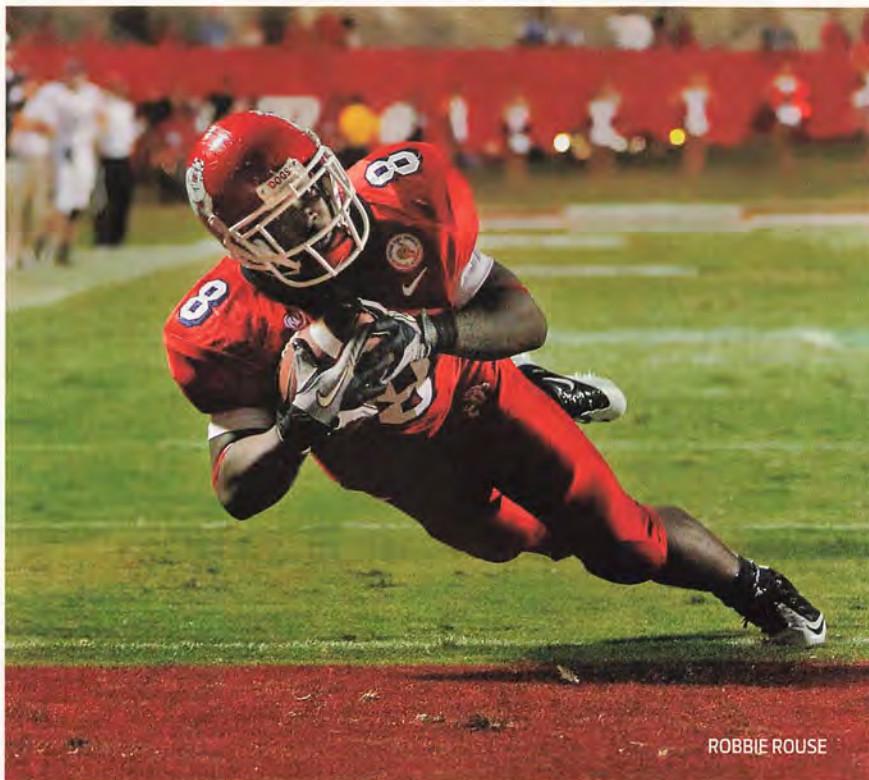
2010 RECORD: 3-9 SUN BELT: 3-5

Stadium: Cajun Field (31,000)

Tickets: 337-265-2100

Site: Lafayette

Official athletic Web site: www.ragincajuns.com



WAC

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

STOCK REPORT UP DOWN STEADY

BOWL PROJECTIONS

1 FRESNO STATE
Poinsettia Bowl

2 HAWAII
Hawaii Bowl

3 LOUISIANA TECH
Humanitarian Bowl

4 NEVADA
New Mexico Bowl

5 UTAH STATE

6 SAN JOSE STATE

7 IDAHO

8 NEW MEXICO STATE

TRENDING

1 Alley-oop receivers have emerged. Fresno State's 6-6 Victor Dean and Hawaii's 6-4 Darius Bright are two examples of how WAC teams are getting taller at the outside-receiver positions.

2 Three coaches have significantly altered their coaching staff assignments for this year, including Utah State's Gary Andersen, who will now handle the defense himself.

3 Decisions, decisions. Only Hawaii returns a proven winner at quarterback and at least half the league will enter the fall still trying to choose a starter at the position.

Without Boise, opportunity abounds in special season for remaining WAC members

By Ferd Lewis Honolulu Star-Advertiser

This season the Western Athletic Conference contenders have Boise State right where they want it ... in the Mountain West Conference.

For one year, at least, the WAC title wannabes need not fall under the heavy-handed domination that has marked the Broncos' 10-year run in the conference.

With BSU having moved on to the MWC after winning or sharing eight of the last nine titles, the rest of the WAC finally has a chance to emerge and strut its stuff. Fresno State, Hawaii and Nevada will join the MWC in 2012, reuniting with Boise State, so they, above all, can appreciate what the opportunity offered by this season might mean. (Fresno State and Nevada will play the Broncos in nonconference contests.)

What the Broncos leave behind is perhaps the most wide-open conference derby in a decade. Boise State shared the title with Nevada and Hawaii in 2010, and it would hardly be a surprise if this year's championship is split up again given the way things look to line up.

Fresno State, which has not won or shared a conference title since 1999, gets the nod based on the overall depth of talent on its roster. But the Bulldogs are hardly a runaway threat the way Boise

State used to be.

"It is going to be a tough league," Hawaii coach Greg McMakin says. "There's no Boise State, but any of several teams could have a chance to take it."

Indeed, none of the prime contenders—Fresno State, Hawaii, Nevada and Louisiana Tech—return a full complement of key starters and everybody lacks something significant, be it a returning quarterback or an intact offensive or defensive line.

Meanwhile, some also-rans from 2010—the bottom three teams: San Jose State, New Mexico State and Utah State—return lots of starters but must prove they can win.

And, as is often the case in the nation's most geographically challenged conference stretching five time zones, who you play on the road, and when, can raise additional challenges. For example, Fresno State must travel to Nevada and Hawaii. Meanwhile, Nevada has to negotiate a brutal nonconference gauntlet—road games at Oregon, Texas Tech and Boise State—before wading into the thick of league play. Hawaii plays four of its first six games on the road, though the Warriors do get four of their final five contests at home.

With Boise State gone, opportunity knocks in the WAC. There will be a rush to answer it.

RATING THE WAC

► BEST HANDS

Royce Pollard, WR, Hawaii

Popular with QBs and college football fantasy players.

► BEST PASSING QB

Bryant Moniz, Hawaii

Led the nation in passing in 2010.

► BEST RUNNING QB

Cody Fajardo, Nevada

Young, promising and very athletic.

► MOST ELUSIVE RB

Robert Turbin, Utah State

Defenders didn't miss him at all last year after he went down with a torn ACL.

► BEST INSTINCTS

Corey Paredes, LB, Hawaii

You usually find him in the right place at the right time.

► BEST ATHLETE

Kerwynn Williams, RB/WR, Utah State

Runner, receiver and NCAA-record-setting return man.

► BEST UNDER PRESSURE

Kevin Goessling, K, Fresno State

Eighty-percent career accuracy on field goals.

► TOP NFL PROSPECT

Robert Turbin, RB, Utah State

If he's healthy, he could go far.



ROBERT TURBIN

► TOP IMPACT FROSH

Beau Fitte, LB, Louisiana Tech

Should contribute right away.

► HARDEST HITTER

Bobby Wagner, LB, Utah State

Foes are glad this is his last year.

► BIGGEST OVERACHIEVER

Richard Torres, FS, Hawaii

At 5-7, he's too small but doesn't know it.

► BEST INTERVIEW

Robb Akey, coach, Idaho

Has more stories than Dr. Seuss.

► BEST COACH

Chris Ault, Nevada

Makes the Wolf Pack better than they should be.

► BEST RECRUITER

Pat Hill, Fresno State

He's the reason all that talent ends up in Fresno.

► BEST ROAD TRIP

Hawaii

Where would you rather be in November?

ALL-WAC

OFFENSE

| | |
|----|--------------------------------------|
| QB | Bryant Moniz, Sr., Hawaii |
| RB | Lennon Creer, Sr., Louisiana Tech |
| RB | Robbie Rouse, Jr., Fresno State |
| RB | Robert Turbin, Jr., Utah State |
| DL | Bryce Harris, Sr., Fresno State |
| DL | Chris Barker, Jr., Nevada |
| DL | Tyler Larsen, So., Utah State |
| DL | Aundre McGaskey, Sr., New Mexico St. |
| DL | Tyrone Novikoff, Sr., Idaho |
| WR | Rishard Matthews, Sr., Nevada |
| WR | Royce Pollard, Sr., Hawaii |

DEFENSE

| | |
|----|------------------------------------|
| DL | Matt Broha, Sr., Louisiana Tech |
| DL | Logan Harrell, Sr., Fresno State |
| DL | Kaniela Tuipulotu, Sr., Hawaii |
| DL | Pierre Fils, Sr., New Mexico State |
| LB | Bobby Wagner, Sr., Utah State |
| LB | Corey Paredes, Sr., Hawaii |
| LB | Travis Brown, Jr., Fresno State |
| DB | Isaiah Frey, Sr., Nevada |
| DB | Isaiah Green, Sr., Fresno State |
| DB | Richard Torres, Sr., Hawaii |
| DB | Duke Ihenacho, Sr., San Jose State |

SPECIALISTS

| | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| P | Bobby Cowan, Jr., Idaho |
| K | Kevin Goessling, Sr., Fresno State |

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

by Brian McLaughlin, Sporting News

1 ► LOUISIANA TECH There is some strong junior college talent headed to Ruston among the 25 signees; QB Nick Isham is as smart as they come.

2 ► HAWAII As usual, Hawaii got a good chunk of its sizable 27-man class from California—and came away with good ones.

3 ► UTAH STATE The majority of the top talent in this class of 25 comes from junior colleges, with DE Bojay Filimoeatu leading the way.

4 ► FRESNO STATE Pro-style QB Marcus McDade of Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia could provide a new spark to the offense at Fresno State.

5 ► NEVADA The Wolf Pack are loaded with California signees, which should make their move to the Mountain West a little easier.

6 ► SAN JOSE STATE The skill positions should be in pretty good shape with in-state prospects like Sam Boyd and Tyler Ervin.

7 ► IDAHO The Vandals picked up an interesting juco prospect in 6-6, 250-pound QB Dominique Blackman.

8 ► NEW MEXICO STATE A big pickup was Dallas wideout Austin Franklin, who had several offers to choose from.

LENNON CREER



ASCENDING



LOUISIANA TECH

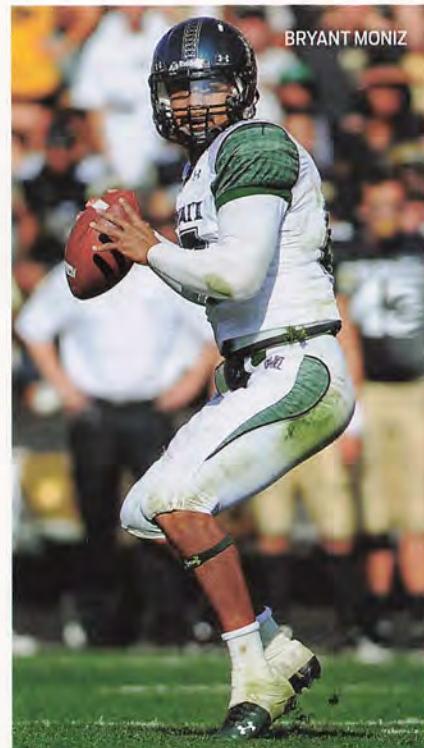
► After two .500 or below seasons, this should be the year the overdue Bulldogs put it together—if the quarterback position is solidified.

DESCENDING



NEVADA

► You can't go much higher than the 13-1 finish of 2010—especially after losing the galaxy of talent that has departed the Wolf Pack.

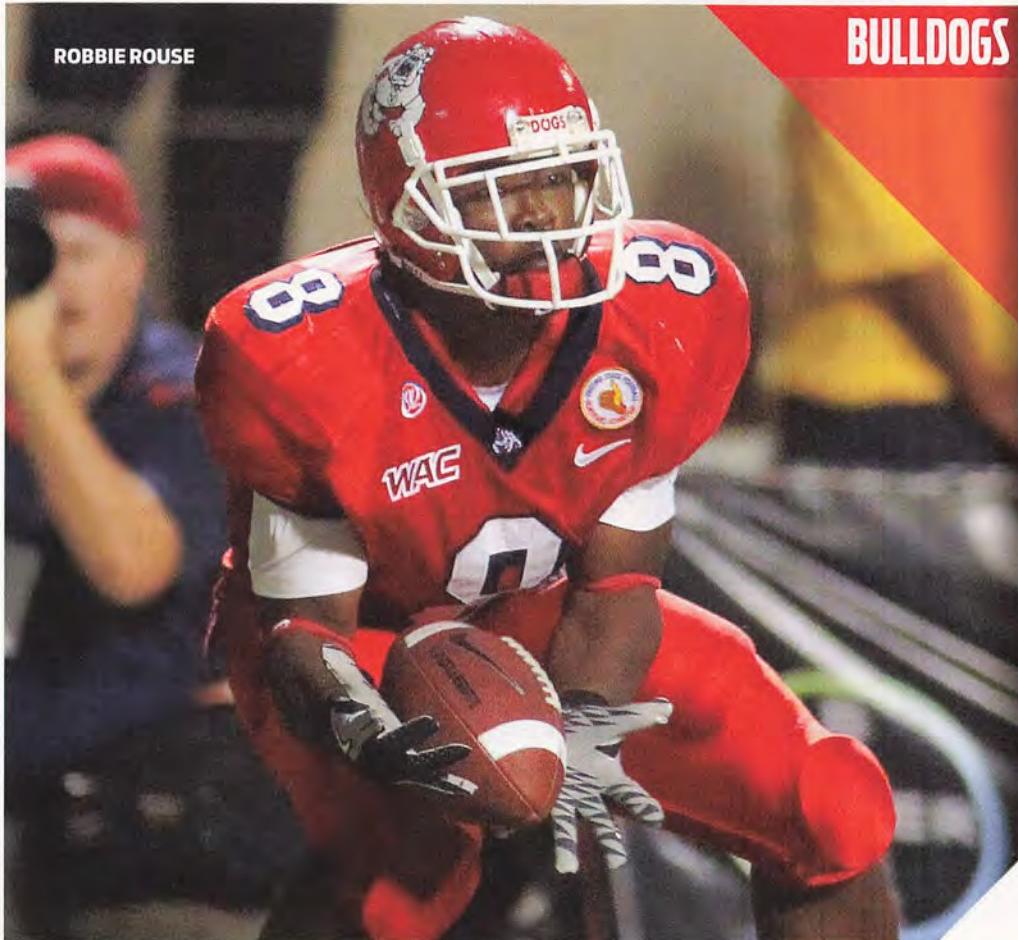


BRYANT MONIZ

FRESNO STATE

BULLDOGS

ROBBIE ROUSE



WAC



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| 5.3 | @CALIFORNIA | |
| 5.10 | @NEBRASKA | |
| 5.17 | North Dakota | |
| 5.24 | @IDAHO | 23-20 |
| 6.1 | Ole Miss | 38-55 |
| 6.7 | Boise State | 0-51 |
| 6.15 | Utah State | 41-24 |
| 6.22 | @NEVADA | 34-35 |
| 6.29 | Louisiana Tech | 40-34 |
| 7.12 | @NEW MEXICO STATE | 33-10 |
| 7.19 | @HAWAII | 27-49 |
| 7.26 | San Jose State | 33-18 |
| 8.3 | @SAN DIEGO STATE | |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



Perhaps no team in the Western Athletic Conference has labored more in Boise State's considerable shadow than the Fresno State Bulldogs.

In the eight WAC titles Boise State won or shared, Fresno finished in second or third place five times.

So, yes, you could say the Bulldogs, who haven't won a piece of the WAC title in Boise State's decade in the league, can make up for some lost time this year now that the Broncos have moved on to the Mountain West.

Pat Hill, who begins his 15th season as head coach of the Bulldogs, is the dean of the conference's coaches and has enough elements available to claim his first WAC title since 1999. That the Bulldogs shared their last championship with TCU and Hawaii in the last century hints at just how long the drought has been.

In much of the WAC, a string of four consecutive winning seasons and 11 in 12 years would be cause for a statue to be erected in front of the stadium. But in Fresno, where Hill has popularized the "anybody, anytime, anywhere" mind-set of taking on any big-time programs only to be a perpetual bridesmaid in the WAC, there is a

demand for more—especially this year.

The Bulldogs figure to go as far as their much-heralded quarterback, Derek Carr, can take them. Hill hopes that means beyond the rut of seven- and eight-victory seasons.

There is magic—and expectation—in the Carr name in the San Joaquin Valley, where his older brother, David, set several school records for the Bulldogs and was a No. 1 overall pick in the 2002 NFL draft. That's part of why season-ticket sales this year are pegged to a "New Carr in Town" commercial.

It was telling that spring practice was less about Carr having to win the job than coaches trying to decide on a backup. It is also an indication of Carr's potential that the often-conservative Hill has pledged to open up the offense more this year to suit his quarterback's abilities and has the talent around his QB to do it.

Much like his brother, Carr was blessed with a powerful right arm and painstaking work ethic, but he also has remarkable football savvy. What he doesn't have, however, is starting experience. He played sparingly in 2009, but showed enough to cause the Bulldogs to invest 2010 as a redshirt

COACH

Pat Hill
15th year (108-71)
Career record: 108-71

Running-game coordinator:

Derek Frazier (3rd year)

Passing-game coordinator:

Jeff Grady (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Randy Stewart (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 8-5 WAC: 5-3

(lost to Northern Illinois in the Humanitarian Bowl, 40-17)

Stadium: Bulldog Stadium (41,031)

Tickets: 559-278-DOGS

Site: Fresno, Calif.

Official athletic Web site:
www.gobulldogs.com



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| QB | 4 | Derek Carr (6-3, 190, So.) |
| | 10 | Greg Watson (6-0, 190, Fr.) |
| RB | 8 | Robbie Rouse (5-7, 185, Jr.) |
| | 2 | Milton Knox (5-9, 205, So.) |
| LOT | 70 | Bryce Harris (6-6, 295, Sr.) |
| | 71 | Andrew Gustafson (6-6, 280, Fr.) |
| LOG | 51 | Matt Hunt (6-2, 315, Jr.) |
| | 75 | Trevor Richter (6-5, 300, So.) |
| C | 78 | Richard Helepiko (6-2, 290, Jr.) |
| | 56 | Lars Bramer (6-5, 260, So.) |
| ROG | 62 | Leslie Cooper (6-4, 305, Sr.) |
| | 52 | Quinton Toailoa (6-4, 300, So.) |
| ROT | 72 | Austin Wentworth (6-5, 305, So.) |
| | 73 | Cody Wichman (6-5, 300, Fr.) |
| TE | 84 | Ryan Skidmore (6-5, 240, Sr.) |
| | 85 | Ryan Boschman (6-4, 230, So.) |
| WR | 6 | Jalen Saunders (5-9, 170, So.) |
| | 81 | J.J. Stallworth (5-11, 185, Sr.) |
| WR | 11 | Rashad Evans (5-11, 190, Jr.) |
| | 82 | A.J. Johnson (6-0, 185, So.) |
| WR | 7 | Devon Wylie (5-9, 170, Sr.) |
| | 1 | Isaiah Burse (5-9, 185, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| LDE | 94 | Donavaughn Pritchett (6-5, 290, Sr.) |
| | 95 | Matt Akers (6-2, 245, Jr.) |
| LDT | 65 | Chase McEntee (6-3, 285, Sr.) |
| | 92 | Tyeler Davison (6-2, 290, Fr.) |
| RDT | 77 | Logan Harrell (6-2, 275, Jr.) |
| | 66 | Nikko Motta (6-3, 285, So.) |
| RDE | 90 | Nat Harrison (6-2, 215, So.) |
| | 88 | Tristan Okpalugo (6-5, 220, Jr.) |
| SLB | 53 | Kyle Knox (6-1, 215, Sr.) |
| | 3 | Edward Dilihunt (6-0, 210, Fr.) |
| MLB | 32 | Jeremiah Toma (6-0, 215, So.) |
| | 51 | Ofa Fifita (6-2, 235, Fr.) |
| WLB | 9 | Travis Brown (6-2, 235, Jr.) |
| | 30 | Patrick Su'a (6-2, 215, So.) |
| LCB | 37 | Jermaine Thomas (5-11, 190, So.) |
| | 4 | L.J. Jones (5-11, 170, So.) |
| RCB | 10 | Isaiah Green (5-10, 180, Sr.) |
| | 25 | Erik Brown (5-11, 185, So.) |
| FS | 16 | Phillip Thomas (6-1, 205, Jr.) |
| | 25 | Cristin Wilson (5-11, 185, So.) |
| SS | 13 | Deron Smith (5-11, 190, So.) |
| | 33 | Zak Hill (6-2, 200, Sr.) |
| SPECIALISTS | | |
| K | 35 | Kevin Goessling (6-0, 190, Sr.) |
| P | 38 | Andrew Shapiro (6-1, 180, Jr.) |

2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | FRESNO | OPP |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| SCORING | 377 | 390 |
| Points Per Game | 29.0 | 30.0 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 251 | 236 |
| Rushing | 104 | 101 |
| Passing | 130 | 121 |
| Penalty | 17 | 14 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 1958 | 2060 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2399 | 2479 |
| Yards lost rushing | 441 | 419 |
| Rushing Attempts | 494 | 450 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.0 | 4.6 |
| Average Per Game | 150.6 | 158.5 |
| TDs Rushing | 19 | 26 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 2860 | 2714 |
| Att-Cmp-Int | 228-364-9 | 219-377-8 |
| Average Per Pass | 7.9 | 7.2 |
| Average Per Catch | 12.5 | 12.4 |
| Average Per Game | 220.0 | 208.8 |
| TDs Passing | 24 | 20 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 4818 | 4774 |
| Total Plays | 858 | 827 |
| Average Per Play | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Average Per Game | 370.6 | 367.2 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 60-1352 | 66-1601 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 32-299 | 11-126 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 8-151 | 9-156 |



GAME-CHANGER

Derek Carr, QB

Carr has spent two years readying for the opportunity to take control of the Bulldogs' offense, if not longer after watching his brother, David, play there. With the variety of weapons at his disposal and the freedom he'll be given, what he does with them will have a lot to say about how far Fresno State goes.

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Isaiah Burse

GP Effic. Att-Cmp-Int Pct. Yds TD Avg/G

13 395.6 2-1-0 50.0 43 1 3.3

RUSHING

Robbie Rouse

GP Att. Net Avg. TD Avg/G

11 205 1129 5.5 8 102.6

RECEIVING

Jamel Hamler

GP No. Yds Avg. TD Avg/G

12 54 812 15.0 6 67.7

DEFENSE

TACKLES

Travis Brown

GP Solo Assist Total

13 34 45 79

SACKS

Logan Harrell

GP No. Yards

13 10.5 79

INTERCEPTIONS

Phillip Thomas

No. Yards Avg. TD

3 90 30.0 0

season so that he could bank a year of eligibility.

The Bulldogs should be able to take some of the pressure off their young quarterback with a stable of proven running backs. Junior Robbie Rouse was the first true sophomore at the school to rush for more than 1,000 yards and did it despite missing two games. He had consecutive 200-yard performances against Nevada and Louisiana Tech last year. Backups A.J. Ellis and Jalen Saunders also return, and Milton Knox is a transfer from UCLA who redshirted last year.

Technically, left tackle Bryce Harris, an All-WAC selection, is the only returning starter on the offensive line. But guards Leslie Cooper and Matt Hunt have eight starts between them and center Richard Helepiko started two games last year.

Despite the surprise loss of wideout Jamel Hamler, who left early for the NFL draft, the potential jewels of the offense are at receiver, where Jalen Saunders is a returning starter and Isaiah Burse, Devon Wylie, A.J. Johnson and Rashad Evans are all emerging talents. Wylie drew raves before an early injury ended his season in 2010. Victor Dean, a 6-6 matchup nightmare for cornerbacks, could become a big weapon on the outside.

All-WAC defensive tackle Logan Harrell was among the nation's leaders in sacks last year (10.5) and anchors a defense that could be the conference's best if it can improve its third-down percentage. Last year, Fresno State foes converted on nearly 40 percent of such situations. Left tackle Chase McEntee and left end Donavaughn Pritchett had 9.5 tackles for loss between them.

Outside linebackers Kyle Knox and Travis Brown are a formidable pair, while safety Phillip Thomas and cornerbacks Isaiah Green and Jermaine Thomas are solid fixtures in the secondary.

Special teams have traditionally been a major weapon for the Bulldogs and this could be one of the program's better years in breaking open games with the units. Two-time All-WAC placekicker Kevin Goessling, who has made five of seven field goals from 50 yards or longer and 51 of 64 overall in his career, returns. So does punter Andrew Shapiro. Fresno is at its best blocking kicks and the Bulldogs have batted down 56 since 2002, the most in the nation.

The Bulldogs will also benefit from the rare continuity of Hill's coaching staff returning intact. Since Hill took over in 1997, only once previously has a staff returned en masse.

All of this should add up to the kind of a season that allows the Bulldogs to work off some of those pent-up Boise State blues.

RECRUITING REPORT

Fresno State's 16-man class includes some outstanding defensive prospects and is led by a pair of highly recruited outside linebackers from California.

Malique Micenheimer is a 6-1, 218-pound tackling machine out of Ronald McNair High in Stockton. He has the speed, quickness and change-of-direction skills to become an all-conference performer for the Bulldogs.

Kyle Wilson, a 6-3, 210-pounder from Bakersfield Ridgeview High possesses all the physical abilities desired, plus the frame to carry as

much as 240 pounds.

Coach Pat Hill also picked up two quality in-state defenders (and teammates) from Encino Crespi High in 5-10, 180-pound safety Charles Washington and 6-3, 230-pound end Ronald Ussery. The Bulldogs beat out Iowa State for Washington, while Arizona State finished second for Ussery's services.

On offense, the Fresno State coaching staff is high on 6-2 quarterback Marcus McDade out of Hargrave (Va.) Military Academy. —Gerry Hamilton, 246Sports

HAWAII

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WARRIORS

WAC

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---|
| QB | 17 | Bryant Moniz (6-0, 200, Sr.) |
| RB | 27 | Sterling Jackson (6-0, 220, Jr.) |
| LOT | 51 | Austin Hansen (6-4, 305, Sr.) |
| LOG | 62 | Chauncy Winchester-Makainai (6-4, 310, So.) |
| C | 56 | Matagisila Lefiti (6-0, 285, Sr.) |
| ROG | 54 | Brett Leonard (6-5, 310, Sr.) |
| ROT | 72 | Clayton Laurel (6-2, 290, Sr.) |
| WR | 80 | Miah Ostrowski (5-9, 175, Jr.) |
| WR | 18 | Darius Bright (6-4, 230, Jr.) |
| WR | 5 | Billy Ray Stutzmann (6-0, 165, So.) |
| WR | 81 | Royce Pollard (6-0, 175, Sr.) |

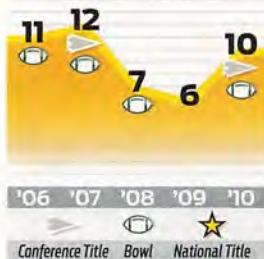
DEFENSE

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|------|----|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 98 | Liko Satele (6-2, 260, Sr.) |
| LDT | 95 | Vaughn Meatoga (6-2, 285, Sr.) |
| RDT | 49 | Kaniela Tuipulotu (6-2, 300, Sr.) |
| RDE | 42 | Paipai Falemalu (6-3, 240, Jr.) |
| MAC | 24 | Aaron Brown (6-1, 220, Sr.) |
| BUCK | 41 | Corey Paredes (5-11, 235, Sr.) |
| STUB | 33 | John Hardy-Tuliau (5-11, 165, So.) |
| LCB | 10 | Kawika Ornelas (5-9, 180, Jr.) |
| RCB | 11 | Steven Christian (6-0, 170, Jr.) |
| FS | 28 | Jordan Gomes (5-10, 180, Jr.) |
| SS | 19 | Richard Torres (5-8, 180, Sr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|
| K | 47 | Kenton Chun (5-6, 160, Sr.) |
| P | 31 | Alex Dunnachie (6-6, 220, Jr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUTS

1 ▶ Ellis Henderson: ATH, 6-0, 175

Hawaii nabbed one of Washington state's top prospects in Henderson. Henderson picked Hawaii over Washington State and Air Force.

2 ▶ Will Gregory: RB, 6-0, 180

Gregory was a big-time get for the Warriors after he considered Arizona State and Washington. The wiry, yet strong, back is a big play waiting to happen.

3 ▶ Tyler Gray: OLB, 6-3, 220

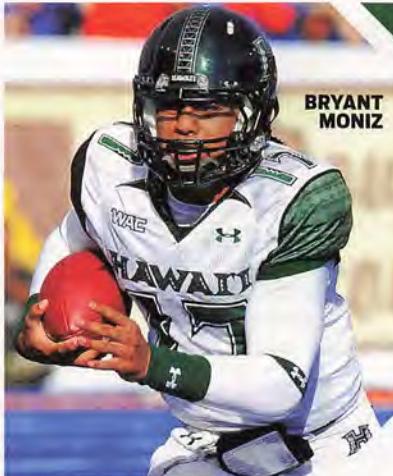
Hawaii signed one of the most underrated defenders in the state of California in Gray. The long-armed linebacker doubled as a running back in high school.

4 ▶ Kendrick Van Ackeren: S, 6-0, 195

Hawaii enjoyed impressive success in the state of Washington in the 2011 class. Not only did the Warriors pluck Ellis Henderson, but they also inked Van Ackeren. He turned down Washington State to play in Honolulu.

5 ▶ Brenden Daley: ILB, 6-3, 250

Daley was a key recruiting win for Hawaii over Utah. The junior college transfer is a hard-hitting, downhill linebacker who will be an impact player for the Warriors.



BRYANT MONIZ



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Colorado | 13-31 |
| S.10 | @WASHINGTON | |
| S.17 | @UNLV | 59-21 |
| S.24 | UC Davis | |
| O.1 | @LOUISIANA TECH | 41-21 |
| O.14 | @SAN JOSE STATE | 41-7 |
| O.22 | New Mexico State | 59-24 |
| O.29 | @IDAHO | 45-10 |
| N.5 | Utah State | 45-7 |
| N.12 | @NEVADA | 27-21 |
| N.19 | Fresno State | 49-27 |
| N.26 | Tulane | |
| D.3 | BYU | |

COACH

Greg McMackin

4th year (23-18)

Career record: 23-18

Offensive coordinator:

Nick Rolovich (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Dave Aranda (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 10-4 WAC: 7-1
(lost to Tulsa in the Hawaii Bowl, 62-35)

STADIUM: Aloha Stadium (50,000)

Tickets: 808-944-2697

Site: Honolulu

Official athletic Web site:

www.hawaiiathletics.com

The University of Hawaii has something unique in the WAC this year—a successful starting quarterback who's coming back.

Indeed, senior Bryant Moniz, a veteran of 22 starts over two seasons, has begun more games than all the rest of the conference's quarterbacks combined.

Good thing, too, because experience will be one of the biggest things Moniz, the nation's leading passer in 2010 (5,040 yards and 39 touchdowns), and the Warriors have going for them. That's because they are rebuilding the offensive line and must plug in a new running back and some receivers.

Tri-champs in the WAC along with Boise State and Nevada last year, the Warriors have a lot of talent on offense but just three returning starters. So it all starts with Moniz, the former pizza deliveryman and walk-on who showed an ability to think and throw on the run during a 10-4 junior campaign.

For the third time in three years with the Warriors, Moniz will work behind an offensive line that is reloading. Left tackle Austin Hansen is the only returning starter and his availability is questionable after the NCAA suspended him for the Hawaii Bowl due to an unspecified violation. If Hansen isn't cleared, then Clayton Laurel will take over the position on a unit that has playing time but no starting experience and goes under the gun quickly in UH's first two games against Colorado and Washington.

Nearly as much of a concern as the offensive line is running back, where Hawaii loses its first 1,000-yard rusher in 18 seasons, Alex Green. Powerful 245-pound Joey Iosefa and Sterling Jackson, a pair of promising redshirts, are the leading candidates.

Wide receivers Royce Pollard and Billy Ray Stutzmann, who both have starting experience, will help mitigate the loss of record-setting Greg Salas and Kealoha Pilares. Redshirt juco transfer Darius Bright provides what has been a rare combination of height (6-4), speed and good hands for the Warriors on the outside. Slotback Miah Ostrowski joined the basketball team the day after the Hawaii Bowl and made an impact as its starting point guard and, now, expectations are high for him to do the same thing catching balls on the football field.

Though it often took a back seat to the headline-making offense, the Warriors' defense was a key contributor last year and will be looked upon to provide an even bigger hand in 2011. Several top playmakers return from a unit that

led the nation in turnovers forced (38), including three of the top four tacklers.

Foremost among them are linebackers Corey Paredes and Aaron Brown. Paredes, an All-WAC pick, led Hawaii with 151 tackles and had eight double-figure games. Brown had five sacks.

GAME-CHANGER

Bryant Moniz, QB

As Moniz went last year, so did the Warriors. When he was "on," he was a major reason they reached 10 victories and the postseason. And, when Moniz had an "off" day, well, the 62-35 demolition by Tulsa in the Hawaii Bowl told the story. With a less-experienced supporting cast, he will have to be "on" a lot more this year.

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LOUISIANA TECH
BULLDOGS

WAC

It probably isn't a coincidence that the last time Louisiana Tech had a top-notch quarterback was also when it won its only WAC championship.

That was 2001, when Luke McCown was the QB, and last year's

revolving door at the position only made it all seem a lot longer ago.

Second-year coach Sonny Dykes' "Air Raid" offense requires a steady hand, but he juggled four starting quarterbacks well into 2010 and the results were a disjointed offense and disappointing 5-7 finish.

With eventual QB Ross Jenkins having exhausted his eligibility, all eyes are again on quarterback, where steadiness at the position should make the Bulldogs a prime contender for the title.

And a strong spring showing by junior Colby Cameron gave the Bulldogs reason hope for 2011. But Cameron will have to battle incoming recruits Zach Griffith, a junior college transfer, and freshman Nick Isham to keep the job. The progress of Isham, a highly touted recruit from California, will be worth watching.

Griffith was one of 12 juco transfers—10 of whom took part in spring drills—from a well-regarded recruiting class brought in to make a sudden impact.

Lennon Creer, a second-team All-WAC pick at running back who put up 1,181 yards and 10 touchdowns despite starting just six games, should be a force in the conference again.

Shoring up a secondary that finished 117th in pass defense and yielded an average of 290 yards per game is atop the must-do list.

COACHES

Coach: Sonny Dykes, 2nd year (5-7)

Career record: 5-7

Offensive coordinator: Tony Franklin (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator: Tommy Spangler (4th year)



FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 5-7 WAC: 4-4

Stadium: Joe Aillet Stadium (30,600)

Tickets: 318-257-3631 **Site:** Ruston

Official athletic Web site: www.latechsports.com

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NEVADA
WOLF PACK

WAC

SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT

S.3 @SOUTHERN MISS
S.10 Central Arkansas
S.17 Houston
S.24 @MISSISSIPPI STATE
O.1 Hawaii
O.8 @IDAHO
O.22 @UTAH STATE
O.29 San Jose State
N.5 @FRESNO STATE
N.12 @OLE MISS
N.19 @NEVADA
N.26 New Mexico State

Nevada coach Chris Ault gave college football the Pistol offense, a scheme that his Wolf Pack used to shoot its way to a 13-1 campaign last year, which resulted in the school's first end-of-the-season

national ranking (11th) since 1948.

But gone are quarterback Colin Kaepernick, running back Vai Taua, offensive lineman John Bender, tight end Virgil Green and defensive bookends Ryan Coulson and Dontay Moch, all of whom were conference all-stars.

The reboot is made more challenging by the Murderer's Row schedule his athletic department stuck him with: four consecutive road games to open the season—Oregon, San Jose State, Texas Tech and Boise State—with three of them likely Top 25 opponents.

Finding a successor to Kaepernick at quarterback is the top priority. That assignment will likely go to senior Tyler Lantrip, who has thrown only 23 passes during his career in Reno. Ault will likely opt for more of an aerial game after the departure of the elusive Kaepernick, hoping to take advantage of the return of wideout Rishard Matthews, who had seven catches for 86 yards and a touchdown in Nevada's 20-13 win over Boston College in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl on the way to winning the game's MVP award.

The Wolf Pack's strength will be on defense, where seven starters return, including second-team All-WAC players James-Michael Johnson and Isaiah Frey.

COACHES

Coach: Chris Ault, 27th year (219-97-1) **Career record:** 219-97-1

Running-game coordinator: Cameron Norcross (9th year)

Passing-game coordinator: Chris Ault (27th year)

Defensive coordinator: Andy Buh (2nd year)



FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 13-1 WAC: 7-1

(beat Boston College in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl, 20-13)

Stadium: Mackay Stadium (29,993)

Tickets: 775-348-PACK **Site:** Reno

Official athletic Web site: www.nevadawolfpack.com

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UTAH STATE
AGGIES

WAC

SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT

S.3 @AUBURN
S.10 Weber State
S.24 Colorado State
S.30 @BRIGHAM YOUNG
O.8 Wyoming
O.15 @FRESNO STATE
O.22 Louisiana Tech
N.5 @HAWAII
N.12 SAN JOSE STATE
N.19 @IDAHO
N.26 NEVADA
D.3 @NEW MEXICO STATE

Coach Gary Andersen didn't waste any time showing his displeasure with Utah State's 2010 season. In December, two days after the Aggies concluded a second consecutive 4-8 finish on his watch,

Andersen installed himself as defensive coordinator, shook up his coaching staff, began moving to a 3-4 alignment from the 4-3 and started shifting some players around.

Back-to-back years of giving up an average of 34 points per game and ranking among the bottom 20 percent nationally in defensive statistics will do that.

Andersen, a former defensive coordinator at Utah, moved wide receiver Donte Watkins to cornerback hoping to repeat the success he had in making Curtis Marsh an All-WAC cornerback after his shift from running back. Three other players move from defense to offense.

The change in alignments should suit the Aggies' best defender, two-time All-WAC pick Bobby Wagner, along with veteran Kyle Gallagher and the team's prize recruit, junior college All-America linebacker Bojay Filimoateu.

Replacing explosive three-year starter Diondre Borel at quarterback will be difficult, but USU returns of its top two running backs in Robert Turbin and Michael Smith, plus some talented receivers. Turbin and Smith combined for nearly 1,600 yards and 17 TDs in 2009.

Kerwynn Williams, who set an NCAA record for single season kick-return yards (1,444) as a sophomore, is a weapon at receiver or running back.



COACHES

Coach: Gary Andersen, 3rd year (8-16)

Career record: 8-16

Offensive coordinator: Dave Baldwin (3rd year)

Defensive coordinator: Gary Andersen (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 4-8 WAC: 2-6

Stadium: Romney Stadium (25,513)

Tickets: 888-878-2831 **Site:** Logan

Official athletic Web site: www.utahstateaggies.com

SAN JOSE STATE SPARTANS

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WAC

It was a remarkable scene at the opening of spring practice for San Jose State this year—a field of about 100 players. Fit ones.

That's two things the Spartans didn't have much of last season—numbers and health—and it showed in a 1-12 opening (0-8 WAC) to coach Mike MacIntyre's tenure.

But the pain of 2010 gives way to what should be major gains this year as 18 starters return. One of the biggest boosts will be a leap to the nearly full complement of 85 scholarships, something the Spartans have never had, due in part to NCAA Academic Performance Rating penalties.

A more manageable schedule minus "body bag" games against Alabama, Wisconsin, Utah and Boise State will help, too.

Just how far up the standings the Spartans can bolt will be decided in large measure by their ability to plug in a quarterback. Senior Matt Faulkner was a backup last year, throwing 39 passes, and sophomore Dasmen Stewart appeared in two games. But the future might be heralded incoming freshman Joe Gray, an All-City selection from Los Angeles.

Wide receiver Noel Grigsby, who caught 56 passes as a freshman, and top returning rusher Brandon Rutley (461 yards) give the Spartans some weapons behind a veteran offensive line.

But SJSU's power resides in a defense that brings back not only all of its starters but gains a two-time All-WAC selection in safety Duke Ihenacho, who redshirted last year.

COACHES

Coach: Mike MacIntyre, 2nd year (1-12)

Career record: 1-12

Offensive coordinator: Tim Landis (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator: Kent Baer (2nd year)



FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 1-12 WAC: 0-8

Stadium: Spartan Stadium (30,456)

Tickets: 877-757-8849

Site: San Jose, Calif.

Official athletic Web site: www.sjsuspartans.com

SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT

- S.3** @STANFORD
- S.10** @UCLA
- S.17** Nevada
- S.24** New Mexico State
- O.1** @COLORADO STATE
- O.8** @BYU
- O.14** Hawaii
- O.29** @LOUISIANA TECH
- N.5** Idaho
- N.12** @UTAH STATE
- N.19** NAVY
- N.26** @FRESNO STATE

Just like the refurbished campus home (the Kibbie Dome) they were unable to use during spring while construction was under way, the Idaho Vandals are undergoing a significant overhaul.

Numerically, Idaho's personnel losses aren't huge, with just nine players gone. But when it comes to impact performers and leadership, the drain is a large one.

Gone are four-year starters like quarterback Nathan Enderle (Chicago's fifth-round pick in April's NFL draft) and safety Shiloh Keo and two-year starters such as defensive tackle Jonah Sataraka, defensive end Aaron Lavaras, linebacker JoJo Dickson and wide receiver Eric Greenwood.

As such, readying a quarterback and restructuring the defensive line will be major projects as the Vandals seek to return to the postseason after a year's absence. Sixth-year coach Robb Akey will be looking for a payoff on his recruiting, as 16 of 24 seniors have been in the program since they were freshmen.

After two years of playing bit parts behind Enderle and even starting two games, the QB job is senior Brian Reader's to lose. His 58.6 career completion percentage is one of the best in school history, but now he must do it in a feature role. Ryan Bass, a transfer from Arizona State, should be a welcome addition to a running game that was 118th among 120 FBS schools in 2010.

Tackle Michael Cosgrove and linebacker Tre'Shawn Robinson are being looked upon as the leaders on defense.

COACHES

Coach: Robb Akey, 6th year (17-33)

Career record: 17-33

Offensive coordinator: Steve Axman (5th year)

Defensive coordinator: Mark Criner (5th year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 6-7 CONF: 3-5

Stadium: Kibbie Dome (18,000)

Tickets: 208-885-6466

Site: Moscow

Official athletic Web site: www.govandals.com

SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT

- S.1** Bowling Green
- S.10** North Dakota
- S.17** @TEXAS A&M
- S.24** Fresno State
- O.1** @VIRGINIA
- O.8** Louisiana Tech
- O.15** @NEW MEXICO STATE
- O.29** Hawaii
- N.5** @SAN JOSE STATE
- N.12** @BYU
- N.19** Utah State
- D.3** @NEVADA

NEW MEXICO STATE

AGGIES

8
WAC

New Mexico

State has turned to its third offensive coordinator in as many years under coach DeWayne Walker, still seeking an offensive spark. Enter Doug Martin, formerly the head coach at Kent State, who took the job just before the start of spring practice.

In six seasons of WAC membership the Aggies have never won more than two league contests. Lately, the inability to put up points in a wide-open league has been a major problem for NMSU, which ranked 117th (among 120 schools) in scoring offense, 112th in total offense and 99th in passing offense last year.

Martin's first task will be choosing a quarterback between Matt Christian and Andrew Manley. Christian is a senior who played in eight games last year. But Manley, a 6-3, 225-pounder who was pulled off of redshirt status and thrown into the starting lineup late in his freshman season, has been called "the future" by Walker and should benefit from the presence of Martin, who helped develop NFL quarterbacks Jeff Blake and David Garrard as offensive coordinator at East Carolina.

Whoever gets the call will have protection from an offensive line that returns intact and is led by 6-6, 297-pound tackle Aundre McGaskey and 6-4, 338-pound guard Maveu Heimuli.

Running back Kenny Turner led the Aggies in rushing last year with 461 yards. He also caught 25 passes.

Taveon Rogers (18 receptions) has blossomed into a receiving threat after starting last season as a return specialist.



COACHES

Coach: DeWayne Walker, 3rd year (5-20)

Career record: 5-21

Offensive coordinator: Doug Martin (1st year)

Defensive coordinator: Dale Lindsey (1st year)



FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 2-10 WAC: 1-7

Stadium: Aggie Memorial Stadium (30,343)

Tickets: 575-646-1420

Site: Las Cruces

Official athletic Web site: www.nmstatesports.com

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INDEPENDENT



SCHEDULE

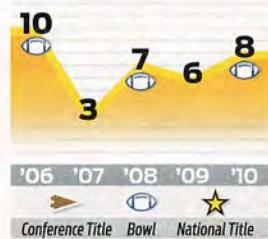
| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------|------------|
| S.3 | South Florida | |
| S.10 | @MICHIGAN | 24-28 |
| S.17 | Michigan State | 31-34 (OT) |
| S.24 | @PITTSTBURGH | 23-17 |
| O.1 | @PURDUE | 23-12 |
| O.8 | Air Force | |
| O.22 | USC | 20-16 |
| O.29 | Navy | 17-35 |
| N.5 | @WAKE FOREST | |
| N.12 | Maryland* | |
| N.19 | Boston College | 31-13 |
| N.26 | @STANFORD | 14-37 |

*at Washington, D.C.

BOWL PROJECTION

Fiesta Bowl

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Brian Kelly

2nd year (8-5)

Career record: 61-27 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

Charley Molnar (2nd year)

Defensive coordinator:

Bob Diaco (2nd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 8-5

(beat Miami in the Sun Bowl, 33-17)

Stadium: Notre Dame Stadium

(80,795)

Tickets: 574-631-7356

Site: Notre Dame, Ind.

Official athletic Web site:

www.und.com



FIGHTING IRISH



DAYNE CRIST

Build the first year. Win the next.

That's the blueprint coach Brian Kelly is following as he heads into his second season at the helm of the Notre Dame football program.

Kelly's first year in South Bend tested everything he had learned as a head coach the previous 20 years—on and off the field.

Irish offensive line recruit Matt James died while on spring break in Florida after falling from a hotel balcony. He had not yet graduated from high school. Student videographer Declan Sullivan died Oct. 27 when a scissor lift on which he was filming practice toppled in high winds. And, a Saint Mary's College female student committed suicide after an alleged sexual attack by a Notre Dame football player.

Yet Kelly has endured.

On the field, the Irish stumbled and struggled through their first nine games of 2010. Back-to-back losses to Navy and Tulsa galvanized the situation.

Against Tulsa, quarterback Dayne Crist went down with the second season-ending knee injury of his career. True freshman Tommy Rees got the call and the situation seemed bleak.

This is where Kelly's philosophy of developing players made an impact. Rees couldn't grasp the entire concept of the spread offense, but he was able to execute enough to win. Notre Dame won its final four games, including the regular-season finale over USC and a Sun Bowl battle with Miami.

Players such as tight end Tyler Eifert (who replaced injured All-American Kyle Rudolph), nose

tackle Sean Cwynar (who took over for the injured Ian Williams) and running back Cierre Wood (who took on a starring role when Armando Allen was hurt), along with Rees, are the products of the player-development mantra Kelly recites.

Those players might have taken over prominent roles before they were ready, but they will all be significant contributors this season.

Receiver Michael Floyd's situation will likely have the biggest impact on the Notre Dame offense. After last season, the Sun Bowl's Offensive MVP decided not to leave early for the NFL. However, just before the start of spring practice, he was arrested for driving under the influence.

The university decided to allow Floyd to remain in school and be eligible to play football. Kelly has taken a hard line with troubled players in the past, so Floyd's status this fall isn't guaranteed.

The one player most affected by Floyd's presence would be Theo Riddick. A dynamic athlete, Riddick has the versatility to float between receiver and running back. With Floyd in the lineup, Kelly would be able to move Riddick around and make him even more dangerous.

Rees is far from a leading contender at quarterback, despite his four wins last season. The offense had to be scaled down to fit what he could handle, and Crist has the best grasp of the intricate attack and appears to be healthy. However, redshirt freshman Andrew Hendrix and true freshman Everett Golson may have better physical tools.



Golson is so athletically gifted the coaches will do whatever they can to get him on the field.

Kelly thinks Wood could evolve into one of the top running backs in the country this year. He'll be helped by a solid line in tackles Zack Martin and Taylor Dever, center Braxton Cave and guards Trevor Robinson, Chris Watt and Andrew Nuss.

Defensively, it all starts with junior inside linebacker Manti Te'o. The Irish gave up an average of 165 yards rushing and 228 passing in the first nine games. It dropped to 96 and 185 in the last four. So, there aren't many holes in the Irish defense.

Ends Ethan Johnson and Kapron Lewis-Moore are battle-tested veterans, while early-enrollee freshman Aaron Lynch could hit the big time in a hurry. Cwynar, Louis Nix and Hafis Williams are solid at nose tackle.

Te'o and Carlo Calabrese are special inside. Outside linebackers Darius Fleming, Prince Shembo and Danny Spond, along with another early enrollee, Ishaaq Williams, have all made significant strides.

Harrison Smith, who had three interceptions in the Sun Bowl and seven for the season, is the leader of the secondary at safety. He's joined by Zeke Motta and Jamoris Slaughter. Gary Gray and Robert Blanton are experienced at the corners, while Lo Wood and Bennett Jackson supply depth.

Kicker David Ruffer had a career streak of 23 straight field goals before finally missing in the Sun Bowl. Punter Ben Turk averaged 38.3 yards a boot last season.

—Al Lesar, South Bend (Ind.) Tribune

RECRUITING REPORT

Brian Kelly's first full recruiting class at Notre Dame addressed what he and his staff viewed as two major needs.

Kelly saw that the Irish needed to get bigger, and add several difference-makers on the defensive front seven.

Mission accomplished.

Defensive ends Aaron Lynch and Stephon Tuitt and outside linebacker Ishaaq Williams were top-50 prospects. Of Notre Dame's 23 signees, 11 are 6-4 or taller.

Out of Cape Coral (Fla.) Island Coast, the five-star Lynch committed to Notre Dame in the summer, switched to Florida State in the fall and flipped back to the Irish in January before enrolling early. His dominant performance at the U.S. Army All-America Bowl pushed the 6-6, 260-pound Lynch into being the top-ranked strongside defensive end in the country.

From Monroe (Ga.) High, the 6-5, 270-pound Tuitt was tabbed as the third-ranked strongside defensive end in the country. The 6-5, 242-pound Williams of Brooklyn (N.Y.) Lincoln was ranked as the fifth-best outside linebacker in the country.

Asheville (N.C.) Reynolds outside linebacker Ben Councill was

dominant during the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and finished at No. 97 overall in the final 247Sports rankings. Four-star safety Eilar Hardy of Pickerington (Ohio) Central is a rangy player with great instincts, while four-star defensive end Anthony Rabasa of Miami is another disruptive pass rusher with a great motor.

Kelly also added a few blue-chippers for his spread offense. Ranked inside the top 100 were Vernon Hills (Ill.) High receiver DaVaris Daniels, Oil City (Pa.) High tight end Ben Koyack and Aztec (N.M.) High offensive tackle Matt Hegarty.

Hegarty is one of the more athletic players in the country at his position, while Daniels, Koyack and Livermore (Calif.) Granada receiver George Atkinson could all push for playing time as freshmen. Myrtle Beach (S.C.) High four-star quarterback Everett Golson enrolled early at South Bend and could be the perfect QB for the Notre Dame offense.

On National Signing Day, the Irish added four-star jumbo athlete Troy Niklas of Anaheim (Calif.) High. He spurned in-state USC for Notre Dame and could be a standout tight end, defensive end or offensive tackle.

—Barton Simmons, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| QB | 10 | Dayne Crist (6-4, 235, Jr.) |
| | 11 | Tommy Rees (6-2, 210, Fr.) |
| RB | 20 | Cierre Wood (6-0, 210, So.) |
| | 25 | Jonas Gray (5-10, 230, Jr.) |
| LOT | 70 | Zack Martin (6-4, 300, So.) |
| | 64 | Tate Nichols (6-8, 320, Fr.) |
| LOG | 66 | Chris Watt (6-3, 310, So.) |
| | 73 | Lane Clelland (6-5, 297, Jr.) |
| C | 52 | Braxton Cave (6-3, 303, Jr.) |
| | 57 | Mike Golic Jr. (6-3, 295, Jr.) |
| ROG | 78 | Trevor Robinson (6-5, 300, Jr.) |
| | 76 | Andrew Nuss (6-5, 303, Sr.) |
| ROT | 75 | Taylor Dever (6-5, 297, Sr.) |
| | 74 | Christian Lombard (6-5, 301, Fr.) |
| TE | 80 | Tyler Eifert (6-6, 242, So.) |
| | 83 | Mike Ragone (6-4, 245, Sr.) |
| WR | 81 | John Goodman (6-3, 207, Jr.) |
| | 87 | Daniel Smith (6-4, 215, Fr.) |
| WR | 7 | T.J. Jones (5-11, 187, Fr.) |
| | 1 | Deion Walker (6-3, 202, Jr.) |
| WR | 6 | Theo Riddick (5-11, 198, So.) |
| | 9 | Robby Toma (5-9, 175, So.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|------|----|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 90 | Ethan Johnson (6-4, 300, Jr.) |
| | 96 | Kona Schwenke (6-4, 285, Fr.) |
| NT | 94 | Hafis Williams (6-1, 285, Jr.) |
| | 9 | Louis Nix (6-3, 340, Fr.) |
| RDE | 89 | Kapron Lewis-Moore (6-4, 295, Jr.) |
| | 19 | Aaron Lynch (6-6, 260, Fr.) |
| LOL | 55 | Prince Shembo (6-2, 250, Fr.) |
| | 13 | Danny Spond (6-2, 242, Fr.) |
| LILB | 44 | Carlo Calabrese (6-1, 245, So.) |
| | 46 | Steve Filer (6-3, 235, Jr.) |
| RILB | 5 | Manti Te'o (6-2, 255, Jr.) |
| | 36 | David Posluszny (6-0, 235, Jr.) |
| ROLB | 45 | Darius Fleming (6-2, 250, Jr.) |
| | 48 | Dan Fox (6-3, 230, So.) |
| LCB | 4 | Gary Gray (5-11, 195, Sr.) |
| | 2 | Bennett Jackson (6-0, 181, Fr.) |
| RCB | 12 | Robert Blanton (6-1, 196, Jr.) |
| | 23 | Lo Wood (5-10, 182, Fr.) |
| FS | 22 | Harrison Smith (6-2, 214, Sr.) |
| | 15 | Dan McCarthy (6-2, 205, Jr.) |
| SS | 17 | Zeke Motta (6-2, 215, So.) |
| | 26 | Jamoris Slaughter (6-0, 198, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 97 | David Ruffer (6-1, 176, Sr.) |
| P | 35 | Ben Turk (5-11, 196, So.) |

2010 TEAM STATS

| TEAM STATISTICS | ND | OPP |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING | 342 | 263 |
| Points Per Game | 26.3 | 20.2 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 261 | 235 |
| Rushing | 89 | 97 |
| Passing | 152 | 125 |
| Penalty | 20 | 13 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 1646 | 1848 |
| Yards gained rushing | 1899 | 2126 |
| Yards lost rushing | 253 | 278 |
| Rushing Attempts | 414 | 465 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Average Per Game | 126.6 | 142.2 |
| TDs Rushing | 11 | 15 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 3290 | 2796 |
| Att-Cmp-Int | 285-481-16 | 274-440-18 |
| Average Per Pass | 6.8 | 6.4 |
| Average Per Catch | 11.5 | 10.2 |
| Average Per Game | 253.1 | 215.1 |
| TDs Passing | 28 | 11 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 4936 | 4644 |
| Total Plays | 895 | 905 |
| Average Per Play | 5.5 | 5.1 |
| Average Per Game | 379.7 | 357.2 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 49-1038 | 59-1147 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 17-91 | 14-73 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 18-145 | 16-125 |

| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Notre Dame | 96 | 106 | 89 | 48 | 3 | 342 |
| Opponent | 69 | 62 | 55 | 71 | 6 | 263 |

INDEPENDENT

BRIGHAM YOUNG

INDEPENDENT



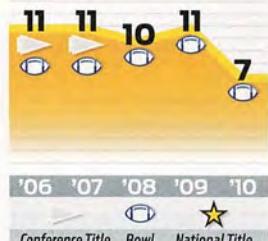
SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|----------------------|------------|
| S.3 | @OLE MISS | |
| S.10 | @TEXAS | |
| S.17 | Utah | 16-17 |
| S.23 | UCF | |
| S.30 | Utah State | 16-31 |
| O.8 | San Jose State | |
| O.15 | @OREGON STATE | |
| O.22 | Idaho State | |
| O.28 | TCU* | 3-31 |
| N.12 | Idaho | |
| N.19 | New Mexico State | |
| D.3 | @HAWAII | |
| | *at Arlington, Texas | |

BOWL PROJECTION

Armed Forces Bowl

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Bronco Mendenhall

7th year (56-21)

Career record: 56-21

Offensive coordinator:

Brandon Doman (1st year)

Defensive coordinator:

Bronco Mendenhall (1st year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 7-6 MWC: 5-3
(beat UTEP in the New Mexico Bowl, 52-24)

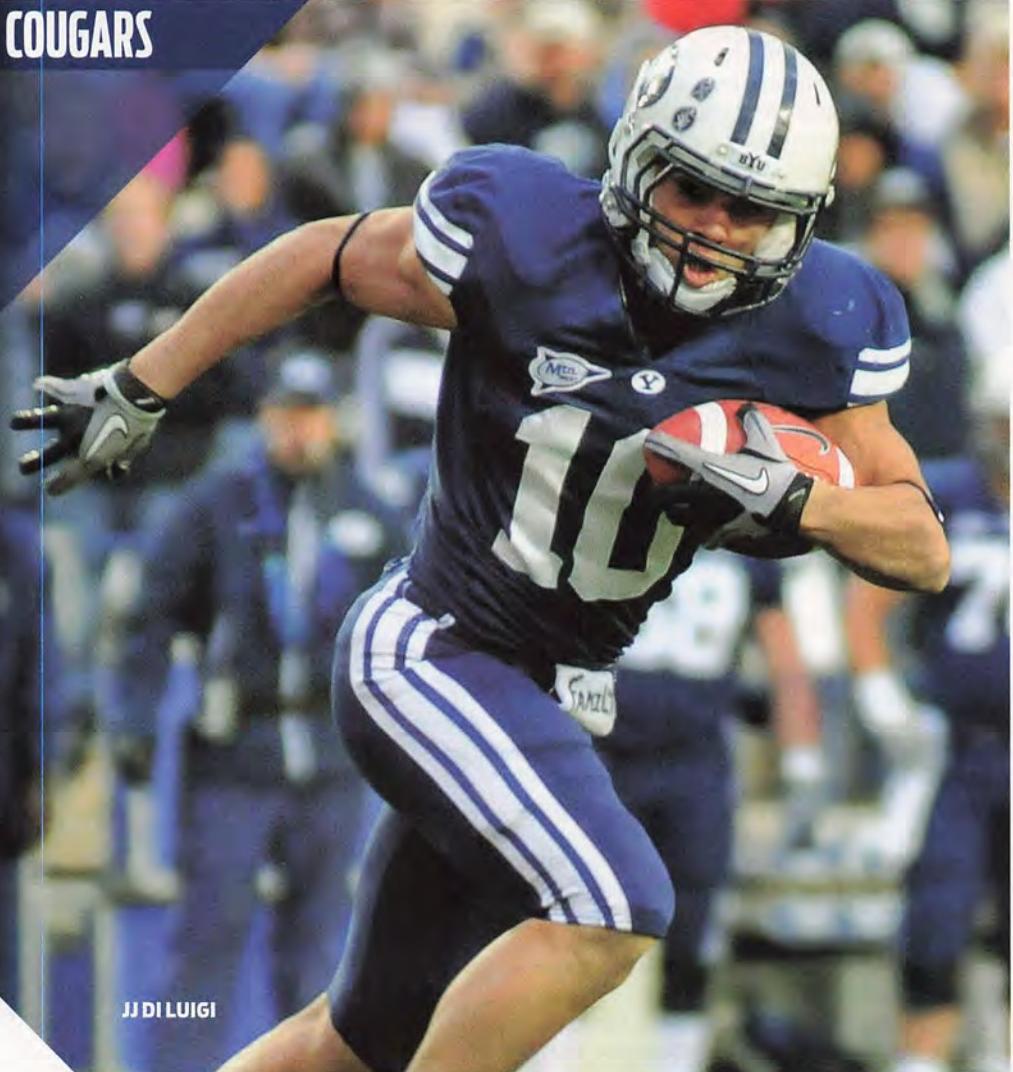
Stadium: LaVell Edwards Stadium
(64,045)

Tickets: 800-322-BYU

Site: Provo, Utah

Official athletic Web site:
www.bycougars.com

COUGARS



Brigham Young took college football's cliché about the importance of a strong finish to the brink last season, winning five of the last six games and building positive momentum for 2011.

Now, though, BYU is all on its own.

The Cougars leave the Mountain West Conference and will join Notre Dame, Army and Navy in the independent ranks this year. They will enter this new territory with a tough schedule that includes road tests at Ole Miss, Texas, Oregon State and against TCU at Cowboys Stadium.

They better be ready for a buzzsaw.

The only smudge on the Cougars' late-season run—which allowed them to finish 7-6 and salvage a difficult season—was a one-point loss to rival Utah. The campaign was capped by a 52-24 New Mexico Bowl victory over UTEP.

"We're not playing for a conference

championship anymore," BYU quarterback Jake Heaps says. "There's only one championship we have in mind, and that's a national championship. We have to practice like (a champion)."

Heaps will be a big part of what coach Bronco Mendenhall wants to do with his offense. The 6-1, 194-pound sophomore took over when Riley Nelson went down with a shoulder injury in the third game of last season. Heaps started slowly, but finally gained the confidence to pass for 1,259 yards and 13 touchdowns in the season's last five games.

Heaps will have the edge over Nelson heading into the season opener in Oxford, Miss. He'll see familiar faces in center Terence Brown, guard Braden Hansen and tackles Matt Reynolds and Braden Brown.

Senior running back JJ Di Luigi led BYU in rushing yards (917) last year and was among the team's top receivers (45 receptions, 443

yards). He also had the most touchdowns with nine. Bryan Kariya (537 rushing yards, 6 TDs; 21 receptions, 122 yards) and Joshua Quezada (505 rushing yards, 5 TDs) return as Di Luigi's capable backups.

Cody Hoffman (42 receptions, 527 yards, 7 TDs) and McKay Jacobson (37, 410, 1) will give Heaps a couple of experienced targets at wideout. Another wide receiver, freshman Ross Apo, has the tools to emerge as a special player. Tight end Devin Mahina (11 catches, 118 yards) is also battle-tested.

There may be a few more questions on the defensive side of the ball, but inside linebacker Uona Kaveinga, a 5-11, 255-pound transfer from USC, is one of the Cougars' top players.

"(Kaveinga) loves football; absolutely loves football," Mendenhall says. "Watching him on the sideline, how animated he is, any good play, he seems to see them all. He's a football kid. He's really smart and very intuitive."

"Our offensive staff, probably every week last year (during Kaveinga's redshirt season), would say 'Wait until you see Uona and get him on your side.' Once he gets to come out here it's like his playground."

The Cougars have the potential to be strong up front, but trying to replace three starters in the secondary could leave them vulnerable to big plays.

Inside linebacker Brandon Ogletree is the top returning tackler. He made 49 stops, along with five tackles for loss and a pair of interceptions in 2010.

Jordan Pendleton and Jameson Frazier will likely patrol the perimeter at outside linebacker. Tackle Romney Fuga and ends Matt Putnam and Eathyn Manumaleuna will provide the beef in the trenches.

In the secondary, safety Travis Uale had 42 tackles a year ago. Opposite him will be Daniel Sorensen. At cornerback, Corby Eason and Robbie Buckner will see significant time while gaining confidence on the job.

Riley Stephenson averaged 41.2 yards a punt last season and will be experienced, while Justin Sorensen will get his first real look at kicking duties this year.

Mendenhall made some moves on his staff in the off-season by promoting quarterbacks coach Brandon Doman to offensive coordinator, among other changes.

"With new coaches and a new offensive system in place, it feels like a fresh start," Mendenhall says. "It feels like beginning again, but from a place further along than six years ago (when he became head coach)."

—Al Lesar

RECRUITING REPORT

Though BYU's recent success has done a lot to increase its national visibility, its 2011 recruiting class focused on local talent. Of the Cougars' 19 newcomers, only five are out-of-state prospects.

A good portion of that home-grown Utah talent will come to Provo ready to help on the line of scrimmage.

Ryker Mathews is an elite prospect at offensive tackle. At 6-6 and 275 pounds, he has an athletic frame and could be the left tackle of the future for coach Bronco Mendenhall.

A similarly impressive impact player is Provo native Colby Jor-

gensen. A move-the-chains type of tight end, Jorgensen (6-7, 215) should be a great target for BYU quarterbacks.

The Cougars also landed four prospects from Utah powerhouse Bingham High. Within that group, defensive ends Baker Pritchard and Moses Kaumatule are both very athletic, physical defenders who play much bigger than their size (6-3 and 6-2, respectively).

Overall, BYU was able to add a lot of defensive help, as 12 of the signees could potentially line up on that side of the ball.

—Barton Simmons, 247Sports



DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| QB | 9 | Jake Heaps (6-1, 194, So.) |
| | 13 | Riley Nelson (6-0, 201, Jr.) |
| RB | 33 | Bryan Kariya (6-0, 218, Sr.) |
| | 35 | Zed Mendenhall (5-11, 239, Jr.) |
| RB | 10 | JJ Di Luigi (5-9, 190, Sr.) |
| | 20 | Joshua Quezada (5-11, 211, So.) |
| LOT | 70 | Matt Reynolds (6-6, 322, Sr.) |
| | 72 | Ryker Mathews (6-6, 285, Fr.) |
| LOG | 76 | Braden Hansen (6-6, 310, Jr.) |
| | 79 | Manaki Vaitai (6-3, 300, So.) |
| C | 60 | Terence Houston (6-4, 330, Sr.) |
| | 78 | Houston Reynolds (6-2, 308, So.) |
| ROG | 71 | Walter Kahailalii (6-3, 334, Jr.) |
| | 78 | Houston Reynolds (6-2, 308, So.) |
| ROT | 75 | Braden Brown (6-6, 300, Jr.) |
| | 56 | Famika Anae (6-5, 260, Fr.) |
| TE | 84 | Devin Mahina (6-6, 236, So.) |
| | 80 | Marcus Mathews (6-5, 200, So.) |
| WR | 2 | Cody Hoffman (6-4, 205, So.) |
| | 83 | Spencer Hafofa (6-0, 200, Sr.) |
| WR | 6 | McKay Jacobson (5-11, 190, Sr.) |
| | 11 | Ross Apo (6-3, 202, Fr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| LDE | 41 | Matt Putnam (6-6, 271, Sr.) |
| | 92 | Graham Rowley (6-4, 261, So.) |
| NT | 98 | Romney Fuga (6-2, 307, Jr.) |
| | 97 | Travis Tuiloma (6-2, 316, Fr.) |
| RDE | 55 | Eathyn Manumaleuna (6-2, 295, Jr.) |
| | 94 | Jordan Richardson (6-3, 271, Jr.) |
| SLB | 1 | Jordan Pendleton (6-3, 239, Sr.) |
| | 3 | Kyle Van Noy (6-3, 219, So.) |
| MLB | 4 | Uona Kaveinga (5-11, 255, Jr.) |
| | 34 | Austin Jorgensen (6-2, 235, Jr.) |
| BLB | 44 | Brandon Ogletree (5-11, 225, Jr.) |
| | 47 | Spencer Hadley (6-1, 221, So.) |
| WLB | 48 | Jameson Frazier (6-2, 225, Sr.) |
| | 49 | Jadon Wagner (6-4, 246, Sr.) |
| FC | 26 | Robbie Buckner (5-10, 176, Jr.) |
| | 28 | Jordan Johnson (5-10, 175, Fr.) |
| BC | 25 | Corby Eason (5-8, 172, Sr.) |
| | 7 | Preston Hadley (6-0, 200, Jr.) |
| FS | 23 | Travis Uale (6-2, 197, Sr.) |
| | 32 | Mike Hague (5-10, 220, Jr.) |
| KAT | 17 | Daniel Sorensen (6-2, 200, So.) |
| | 18 | Jay Galea'l (6-0, 179, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|
| K | 37 | Justin Sorensen (6-2, 230, So.) |
| P | 99 | Riley Stephenson (6-0, 203, Jr.) |

Sporting News All-American

GAME-CHANGER

JAKE HEAPS, QB

It took a few games last season, but once quarterback Jake Heaps found his confidence—throwing for 1,259 yards and 13 touchdowns in the last five games—he was the Cougars' leader. The sophomore must build on that experience this year.

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------|----|--------|-------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Jake Heaps | GP | Effic. | Att-Cmp-Int | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Avg/G |
| | 13 | 116.2 | 383-219-9 | 57.2 | 2316 | 15 | 178.2 |
| ► RUSHING | GP | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Avg/G | |
| JJ Di Luigi | 13 | 178 | 917 | 5.2 | 8 | 70.5 | |
| ► RECEIVING | GP | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Avg/G | |
| JJ Di Luigi | 13 | 45 | 443 | 9.8 | 1 | 34.1 | |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|--------|-------|
| Brandon Ogletree | GP | Solo | Assist | Total |
| | 11 | 22 | 27 | 49 |
| ► SACKS | GP | No. | Yards | |
| Corby Eason | 13 | 3.5 | 31 | |
| ► INTERCEPTIONS | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD |
| Jameson Frazier | 2 | 32 | 16.0 | 0 |
| Brandon Ogletree | 2 | 10 | 5.0 | 0 |

2010 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS

| | BYU | Opp |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING | 340 | 281 |
| Points Per Game | 26.2 | 21.6 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 283 | 229 |
| Rushing | 118 | 100 |
| Passing | 136 | 109 |
| Penalty | 29 | 20 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2185 | 1802 |
| Yards gained rushing | 2461 | 2200 |
| Yards lost rushing | 276 | 398 |
| Rushing Attempts | 518 | 462 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| Average Per Game | 168.1 | 138.6 |
| TDs Rushing | 23 | 14 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 2579 | 2499 |
| Att-Comp-Int | 243-428-11 | 205-384-16 |
| Average Per Pass | 6.0 | 6.5 |
| Average Per Catch | 10.6 | 12.2 |
| Average Per Game | 198.4 | 192.2 |
| TDs Passing | 17 | 20 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 4764 | 4301 |
| Total Plays | 946 | 846 |
| Average Per Play | 5.0 | 5.1 |
| Average Per Game | 366.5 | 330.8 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-YDS | 47-1041 | 45-1041 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS | 25-224 | 18-94 |
| INT RETURNS: #-YDS | 16-211 | 11-123 |

TEAM STATISTICS

| | BYU | Opp | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| KICK RETURN AVG. | 22.1 | 23.1 | | | | |
| PUNT RETURN AVG. | 9.0 | 5.2 | | | | |
| INT RETURN AVG. | 13.2 | 11.2 | | | | |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 20-10 | 20-7 | | | | |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 70-583 | 82-795 | | | | |
| Average Per Game | 44.8 | 61.2 | | | | |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 53-2184 | 66-2673 | | | | |
| Average Per Punt | 41.2 | 40.5 | | | | |
| Net punt average | 36.4 | 35.3 | | | | |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 31:15 | 28:45 | | | | |
| 3RD-DOWN CONV. | 92/199 | 75/186 | | | | |
| 3rd-Down Pct. | 46% | 40% | | | | |
| 4TH-DOWN CONV. | 8/20 | 13/19 | | | | |
| 4th-Down Pct. | 40% | 68% | | | | |
| SACKS BY-YARDS | 24-182 | 21-165 | | | | |
| MISC YARDS | 0 | 63 | | | | |
| TDS SCORED | 41 | 35 | | | | |
| FG-ATTEMPTS | 17-21 | 12-17 | | | | |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | 37-39 | 35-35 | | | | |
| ATTENDANCE | 368283 | 24828 | | | | |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 6/6180 | 6/40305 | | | | |
| Neutral Site Games | 1/32424 | | | | | |
| SCORE BY QTRS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
| BYU | 121 | 89 | 75 | 55 | 0 | 340 |
| Opponent | 47 | 96 | 52 | 86 | 0 | 281 |

ARMY

BLACK KNIGHTS INDEPENDENT

Positive steps aren't taken for granted in the Army football program.

Two years ago, coach Rich Ellerson was hired to energize the Black Knights.

Last year's 7-6 record and 16-14 Armed Forces Bowl victory over SMU, which ended a 13-year postseason drought, was a significant move forward.

Next on Ellerson's "to-do" list is a victory over Navy, which hasn't happened in a decade.

Army will focus its offense around fullback Jared Hassin, who rushed for 1,013 yards and nine touchdowns last season. The Black Knights averaged 251.6 rushing yards per game a year ago.

Malcolm Brown, Brian Cobbs, Brian Austin and Raymond Maples will likely join Hassin in the backfield.

In order for the running game to work, Army needs a deceptive quarterback. Starter Trent Steelman, who missed spring practice while recovering from shoulder surgery, is expected to be 100 percent by fall. If not, backup Max Jenkins has experience, having appeared in seven games and rushing for 55 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries last year.

Army averaged just 10.6 pass attempts a year ago, but might consider making the air game a more instrumental part of its offense with leading receiver Davyd Brooks (15 receptions, 238 yards, 1 TD) returning. Austin Barr (14, 215, 3) is also a battle-tested pass-catcher. Justin Allen and Anthony Stephens will add depth at receiver.

The offensive line, which includes tackles Brad Kelly and Derek Bisgard, guards Frank Allen, Joe Bailey and Matt Villanti and center Will Wilson, may experience some growing pains as they get used to playing together for the first time.

Defensively, putting experienced players in the right positions will be critical.

Middle linebacker Steve Erzinger will provide the bulk of the leadership. He was second on the team in tackles last season (76) in addition to making 4.5 tackles for loss and forcing one fumble.

End Jarrett Mackey, linebackers Chad Littlejohn and Zach Watts and corners Josh Jackson and Antuan Aaron have all been through the fire before.

Defensive linemen A.J. Mackey and Chris Swain and safety Ty Shrader are poised to take the next step, along with several others.

Kicker Alex Carlton provides a healthy dose of experience for the Black Knights' special teams.

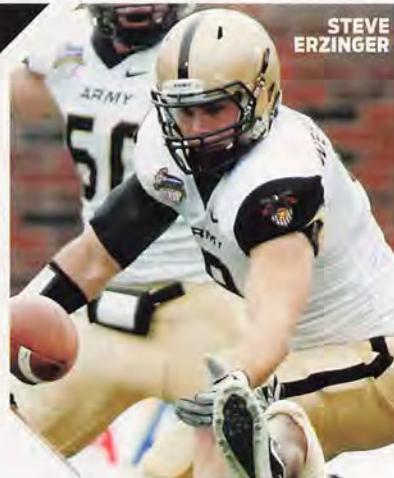
—Al Lesar



GAME-CHANGER

Trent Steelman, QB

Steelman missed spring practice while recovering from shoulder surgery, but is expected to guide the triple-option attack this fall after combining for 1,358 yards and four TDs in 2010.



STEVE ERZINGER

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------------|
| QB | 8 | Trent Steelman (6-0, 204, Jr.) |
| FB | 7 | Jared Hassin (6-3, 235, Jr.) |
| SB | 1 | Raymond Maples (6-1, 200, So.) |
| SB | 23 | Malcolm Brown (5-11, 180, Jr.) |
| LOT | 78 | Brad Kelly (6-5, 250, Sr.) |
| LOG | 79 | Frank Allen (6-4, 275, Jr.) |
| C | 66 | Will Wilson (6-2, 284, Jr.) |
| ROG | 56 | Joe Bailey (6-2, 270, Sr.) |
| ROT | 65 | Derek Bisgard (6-1, 252, Jr.) |
| WR | 87 | Austin Barr (6-4, 210, Sr.) |
| WR | 13 | Davyd Brooks (6-3, 212, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|--------|----|-----------------------------------|
| QUICK | 34 | Jarett Mackey (6-2, 230, Jr.) |
| NT | 92 | A.J. Mackey (6-1, 266, Jr.) |
| BANDIT | 88 | Brian Zalneraitis (6-2, 220, So.) |
| DE | 56 | Corey Watts (5-11, 220, So.) |
| WHIP | 40 | Zach Watts (6-0, 205, Jr.) |
| MLB | 9 | Steven Erzinger (6-1, 22, Sr.) |
| ROV | 5 | Justin Trimble (6-0, 200, So.) |
| FC | 14 | Josh Jackson (6-0, 185, Jr.) |
| BC | 3 | Antuan Aaron (5-9, 188, Sr.) |
| FS | 16 | Tyler Dickson (6-0, 195, So.) |
| SS | 15 | Lyle Beloney (5-11, 195, So.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| K | 39 | Alex Carlton (6-0, 186, Sr.) |
| P | 38 | Kolin Walk (6-0, 199, Sr.) |

SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------|------------|
| S.3 | @NORTHERN ILLINOIS | |
| S.10 | San Diego State | |
| S.17 | Northwestern | |
| S.24 | @BALL STATE | |
| O.1 | Tulane | 41-23 |
| O.8 | @MIAMI (Ohio) | |
| O.22 | @VANDERBILT | |
| O.29 | Fordham | |
| N.5 | @AIR FORCE | 22-42 |
| N.12 | Rutgers* | 20-23 (OT) |
| N.19 | @TEMPLE | 35-42 |
| D.10 | Navy** | 17-31 |

*at Bronx, N.Y.

**at Washington, D.C.

5-YEAR WINS TREND



COACH

Rich Ellerson

3rd year (12-13 (FBS))

Career record: 12-13 (FBS)

Offensive coordinator:

Ian Shields (3rd year)

Defensive coordinators:

Payam Saadat (3rd year)

Chris Smealand (3rd year)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 7-6

(beat SMU in the Armed Forces Bowl, 16-14)

Stadium: Michie Stadium (40,000)

Tickets: 877-TIX-ARMY

Site: West Point, N.Y.

Official athletic Web site:

www.goarmysports.com

RATING THE RECRUTS

1 ▶ David Evans: G, 6-2, 275

A physical run blocker from Saugus Valley (N.Y.), Evans chose Army over several Ivy League schools.

2 ▶ Kelvin White: QB, 6-3, 215

A playmaker with his arm and legs, the Enola (Pa.) East Pennsboro High signal-caller accumulated 2,300 total yards and 27 TDs last year, with 18 coming via the pass.

3 ▶ Addison Holstein: S, 6-1, 184

A former quarterback, the hard-hitting safety racked up 64 tackles, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery as a senior at Lecanto (Fla.) High.

4 ▶ Dwayne Randall: RB, 6-0, 210

Randall is a true fullback who could also play linebacker at Army. At Frederick (Md.) Linganore High, Randall was the lead blocker for U.S. Army All-American and Penn State signee Zach Zwinak.

5 ▶ Matt Semelsberger: S, 6-1, 190

Semelsberger is a punishing safety prospect who helped lead Ijamsville (Md.) Urbana High to a state championship as a senior.

NAVY

INDEPENDENT MIDSHIPMEN

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

| | | |
|-----|----|---------------------------------|
| QB | 2 | Kriss Proctor (6-1, 200, Sr.) |
| FB | 39 | Alexander Teich (6-0, 217, Sr.) |
| SB | 21 | Gee Gee Greene (5-8, 180, Jr.) |
| SB | 26 | Aaron Santiago (5-8, 167, Sr.) |
| LOT | 76 | David Sumrall (6-5, 267, Sr.) |
| LOG | 65 | Josh Cabral (6-3, 270, Jr.) |
| C | 75 | Brady DeMell (6-3, 310, Sr.) |
| ROG | 68 | John Dowd (6-4, 260, Sr.) |
| ROT | 64 | Ryan Basford (6-5, 270, Sr.) |
| WR | 82 | Doug Furman (6-3, 201, Sr.) |
| WR | 86 | Brandon Turner (6-4, 200, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

| | | |
|------|----|--|
| LDE | 98 | Jabaree Tuani (6-1, 265, Sr.) |
| NT | 91 | Jared Marks (6-5, 288, Jr.) |
| RDE | 59 | Josh Dowling-Fitzpatrick (6-2, 220, Jr.) |
| LOLB | 10 | Jarred Shannon (6-0, 208, Sr.) |
| LILB | 51 | Matt Warrick (6-2, 223, Jr.) |
| RILB | 44 | Max Blue (6-0, 200, Sr.) |
| ROLB | 42 | Mason Graham (6-0, 207, Sr.) |
| LCB | 11 | Kwesi Mitchell (5-10, 189, Sr.) |
| RCB | 18 | David Wright (6-2, 179, Sr.) |
| FS | 13 | Jordan Fraser (6-2, 191, Jr.) |
| ROV | 9 | Tra'ves Bush (5-10, 192, Jr.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | |
|---|----|-----------------------------|
| K | 45 | Jon Teague (6-3, 209, Sr.) |
| P | 81 | Justin Haan (6-2, 211, Jr.) |

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 ▶ Anthony Lewis: LB, 6-0, 210

Out of Salt Lake City Cottonwood, Lewis had scholarship offers from Oregon State, Washington State, Utah State and Wyoming before settling on the Naval Academy. He had 72 tackles, two forced fumbles and an interception as a senior.

2 ▶ Allen Caldwell: DE, 6-5, 240

Caldwell will likely play defensive end for Navy after playing tight end, fullback and linebacker for Crestview (Fla.) High.

3 ▶ Demari Boswell: CB, 5-8, 160

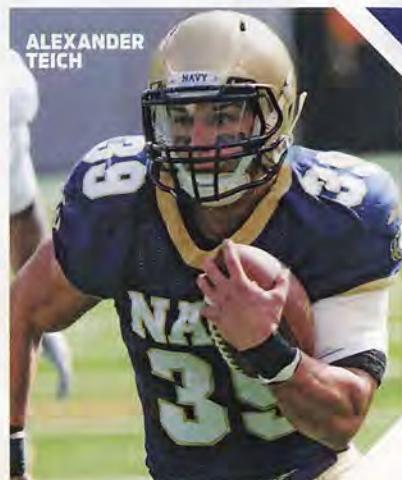
One of the top cornerbacks in North Carolina, the Greensboro Ben L. Smith High standout pledged to Navy back in July 2010.

4 ▶ Luke Smith: TE/DE, 6-4, 245

A three-year starter at South Fort Myers (Fla.) High, Smith had 49 tackles and five sacks as a senior and also caught seven passes for two touchdowns.

5 ▶ Marc Meier: ATH, 5-10, 165

Meier played several positions at Chesapeake (Va.) Great Bridge and chose Navy over East Carolina.



ALEXANDER TEICH



SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | '10 RESULT |
|------|--------------------|------------|
| S.3 | Delaware | |
| S.10 | @WESTERN KENTUCKY | |
| S.17 | @SOUTH CAROLINA | |
| O.1 | Air Force | 6-14 |
| O.8 | Southern Miss | |
| O.15 | @RUTGERS | |
| O.22 | East Carolina | 76-35 |
| O.29 | @NOTRE DAME | 35-17 |
| N.5 | Troy | |
| N.12 | @SMU | 28-21 |
| N.19 | @SAN JOSE STATE | |
| D.10 | Army* | 31-17 |
| | * at Landover, Md. | |

COACH

Ken Niumatalolo

4th year (27-14)

Career record: 27-14

Offensive coordinator:

Ivin Jasper (4th year)

Defensive coordinator:

Buddy Green (10th season)

FAST FACTS

2010 RECORD: 9-4

(lost to San Diego State in the Poinsettia Bowl, 35-14)

Stadium: Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (34,000)

Tickets: 800-US4-NAVY

Site: Annapolis, Md.

Official athletic Web site:

www.navysports.com

Life after Ricky Dobbs will be interesting for the Navy football team this fall.

Dobbs, the starting quarterback for the Midshipmen the past few years, was the face of the program's resurgence under the leadership of coach Ken Niumatalolo.

During Niumatalolo's three years at the Navy helm, the Midshipmen are 27-14, which includes three victories over Army and two over Notre Dame. They have a string of eight straight bowl appearances heading into this season.

It doesn't get much better than that in Annapolis, Md.

Even with a new leader on offense (Dobbs' backup, Kriss Proctor), the Midshipmen don't show any signs of suffering through the doldrums of a rebuilding situation. So, they may not skip a beat.

Proctor will finally get to emerge from Dobbs' shadow. Last year, the senior appeared in eight games but threw just five passes, completing two for 33 yards. He ran the ball out of the Navy triple option 32 times for 304 yards.

There's no reason to worry about the quarterback position with an experienced group in front of Proctor. Guards Josh Cabral and John Dowd, center Brady DeMell and tackle Ryan Basford give the Midshipmen a solid nucleus. David Sumrall will likely be the new starter at left tackle.

Also, there will be plenty of weapons lining up with Proctor in the Navy backfield. The most experienced will be 6-0, 217-pound battering ram Alexander Teich at fullback. He made a name for himself while rushing for 210 yards and a touchdown against Notre Dame last season, and finished the year with 863 rushing yards and five scores. Gee Gee Greene (72 carries, 492 yards, 5 TDs) and Aaron Santiago (27, 201, 1) should also see time at running back.

The challenge will be to find a replacement for Greg Jones (33 receptions, 662 yards, 5 TDs) at wide receiver. Doug Furman, Brandon Turner, Matt Aiken, Jonathan Gazaille and Casey Bolena, among others, will get some long looks at the position.

While the Navy offense is teeming with experience, the defense will be on a mission to establish an identity. The leader will be left end Jabaree Tuani (72 tackles, 15.5 tackles for loss). Max Blue (58 tackles) will battle Matt Brewer for one starting job at inside linebacker. Cornerback Kwesi Mitchell had 48 tackles and Tra'ves Bush, Navy's roverback, had 44 last year and look to be solid this season.

Nose tackle Jared Marks should step up, while a competition brews at right end between Ryan Paulson and Josh Dowling-Fitzpatrick.

—Al Lesar

GAME-CHANGER

Kriss Proctor, QB

It's Proctor's time to shine at Navy. An understudy to Ricky Dobbs his entire career in Annapolis, the 6-1, 200-pound senior will finally get his opportunity to lead. Proctor played in eight games last season, rushing 32 times for 304 yards. He threw five passes, completing two for 33 yards.

FCS OVERVIEW

MOVIN' ON UP?

The jump from FCS to FBS can be beneficial for football programs, but it also comes with significant costs.

By Matt McKenzie
Sporting News

The last year has seen seismic shifts in the Football Bowl Subdivision conference landscape, but there have also been sizable rumbles in the Football Championship Subdivision as well. Several programs have made or are in the process of making a decision that will affect not only their future, but also that of other schools in their conferences.

South Alabama, which began its football program only two years ago, will become a member of the Sun Belt Conference in 2013. Texas State and Texas-San Antonio are joining the Western Athletic Conference next season. However, Montana decided to turn down the WAC's invitation in November, choosing to remain in the Big Sky.

In mid-April, Massachusetts announced that it will leave the Colonial Athletic Association to go to the Mid-American Conference as a football-only school in 2012 (they'll become a full member the following season). The Minutemen will initially play their home games at the home of the New England Patriots, Gillette Stadium.

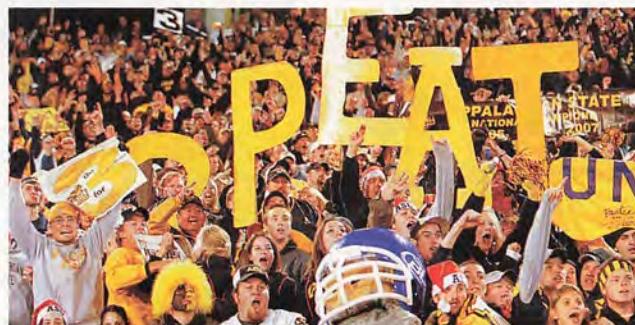
Appalachian State is currently in the midst of a feasibility study to determine whether making the jump to FBS would be the right move. Fellow Southern Conference member Georgia Southern completed its own study in 2009, but a decision was not apparent. (It should be noted that neither school has a current invitation from an FBS conference, something that is required to make the move up.)

Then there's the case of Villanova, which was invited last September to join the Big East for football. However, at press time it was unclear whether the Wildcats would be able to proceed up the Division I ladder. The university initially decided to delay its decision for several months in order to study the matter, only to have the Big East put everything on hold in April while the league was doing its own due diligence.

The main reason these FCS powerhouses began feasibility studies is because the NCAA's four-year moratorium on adding schools to the Division I ranks expires this fall.

"There's been a changing landscape of both college athletics and our university," says Appalachian State Assistant Athletic Director Mike Flynn. "Our university has grown leaps and bounds in the last 10 years (to more than 15,000 students). This is something we've got to look at at this point."

Several factors are being weighed in these studies, and there



Massachusetts Chancellor Robert Holub (top left) announced in mid-April that the Minutemen would move up to the FBS and join the MAC in 2012, as they'll initially play their home games at Gillette Stadium, home of owner Robert Kraft's (top right) New England Patriots. Meanwhile, Appalachian State, which has won three of the last six FCS championships, is deciding whether to make the jump.

are also requirements each program must meet. For instance, a school looking to make the move must have an average attendance of at least 15,000 for two years, and also participate in at least 16 sports. Flynn says the major focus in the Mountaineers' case involves comparing increased costs against increased revenue and "seeing how they would play off each other."

"We're looking at all costs, real and perceived," Flynn says. "Does it make sense for the future? Success is one factor, but there's a lot more that goes into it—a lot of off-field things."

The NCAA released a study in 2007, looking at the last 11 schools to make the jump from what was then known as Division I-AA to Division I-A, and found that the yearly expenses were higher than increased revenue by an average of \$1.73 million. According to Montana Athletic Director Jim O'Day, the Grizzlies' athletic budget would have had to increase by roughly \$5 million over the next five years if the school were to become an FBS program—one of the key reasons the decision was made to stay in the FCS.

"In these economic times, it would be a very tough sell," says O'Day of increasing the Grizzlies' budget. "Montana is just like every state—people are examining budgets closely, as they should. Athletic department budgets are highly visible and under a lot of scrutiny. So a jump that much over a short period of time could be construed by some as a poor investment."

The initial increased costs for a new FBS program revolve around the millions of dollars handed out for additional scholarships (FBS schools can offer 85 compared to just 63 in FCS).

Schools must then add scholarships for women's sports in order to stay in compliance with Title IX.

It's also likely some programs would have to pony up for facility upgrades in order to accommodate visiting fans from larger schools in their new conference as well as a growing fan base of their own. While that doesn't seem to be a problem for Appalachian State (whose average home attendance at Kidd Brewer Stadium last season was 25,715, tops in the FCS and 82nd in all of Division I), the home venue reportedly was one of the reasons the Big East tabled its discussions with Villanova.

If they moved up to FBS, the Wildcats would likely use PPL Park (currently home of the MLS' Philadelphia Union), but capacity there is just 18,500, which is nearly 17,000 seats less than the smallest current venue in the Big East, Cincinnati's Nippert Stadium. However, there are proposed plans that would increase the capacity at PPL Park to 30,000 if needed.

On the other side of the issue are the perks, including better exposure in the overall national college football landscape. That's one reason Western Kentucky decided to accept the Sun Belt's invitation in 2007.

Another is this fact: The Hilltoppers won the then-I-AA national championship in 2002. A year later, despite what then-athletic director Wood Selig says were "incredible marketing efforts," the WKU athletic office was only able to sell 100 additional season tickets. So it made sense to move to what he called "a different neighborhood," especially since the university had the advantage of already being an SBC member in other sports.

"We didn't have a lot of confidence that we would generate financial success by staying I-AA," recalls Selig, who is now the athletic director at Old Dominion. "We were losing close to \$1.5 million to \$2 million a year on football. So we figured if we increased our investment, we may lose less. We also sensed the moratorium would happen, which it did, and weren't sure if that kind of opportunity would be available in the future."

"I think if you look at the big picture, which still remains, ... Western Kentucky wanted to be at the governor's table. You look at who's dictating intercollegiate football—it's the 100 or so schools who comprise 11 conferences. They are the majority and hold that power. We wanted a seat and a vote, instead of being in a hallway when the vote is announced."

And although the Hilltoppers finally got that vote, it has been a rough go in their new classification so far. In its first full

year as an FBS member, WKU went 2-10 and then followed that up with an 0-12 campaign in 2009. Last season, the team recorded another 2-10 mark.

Looking back, Selig says it may have been better to take a different approach in building the team's personnel.

"It's one thing to be I-AA and play one Division I opponent and then go back (to I-AA competition)," Selig says. "Maybe we should have taken more transfers or recruited differently to give guys chances who would be 'I-A ready.' It takes an immense physical toll on 18- and 19-year-old bodies to play at that level every game."

"We knew we'd take our lumps; we just didn't know we'd take them that routinely. It was a lot more difficult than people could ever imagine from a competitiveness standpoint."

Of the programs currently mulling a move, Flynn says ASU's feasibility study committee hopes to have a recommendation to Chancellor Kenneth Peacock in May. Peacock will then go to the university's Board of Trustees with the findings, and a final decision is expected sometime this summer. Sam Baker, athletic director at Georgia Southern, said in a statement that the school's study provided a blueprint, and whatever the Eagles decide "is a university decision that affects the entire department." And while Villanova and the Big East were at a stalemate at press time, a decision was needed by June 1 in order for the Wildcats to join the league as a full member by 2014.

Selig warns that even when schools move up, there is still tons of necessary future work to be completed in order to become a significant FBS program year-in and year-out.

"You're basically trading the penthouse at one level to be in the basement at another level," Selig says. "It's hard to compete when you've got the smallest budget in (Division) I-A and it's hard to break in to the upper quartile when it comes to funding."

"How can you realistically think you're going to have and sustain true Top 25 success and be a major bowl-type program without the appropriate resources? That's what you have to decide. You're taking athletes from a national championship-caliber program (in the FCS) and cashing it in for one of 35 bowl games, most of which get a yawn and a 'so what' from the major sports fan base."

TOP 25



- | | |
|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Eastern Washington |
| 2 | William & Mary |
| 3 | Appalachian State |
| 4 | Northern Iowa |
| 5 | Montana State |
| 6 | Georgia Southern |
| 7 | Delaware |
| 8 | Montana |
| 9 | Central Arkansas |
| 10 | Wofford |
| 11 | New Hampshire |
| 12 | Southern Illinois |
| 13 | McNeese State |
| 14 | Murray State |
| 15 | Western Illinois |
| 16 | Southern Utah |
| 17 | Richmond |
| 18 | Stephen F. Austin |
| 19 | Jacksonville State |
| 20 | Liberty |
| 21 | Chattanooga |
| 22 | Lehigh |
| 23 | Bethune-Cookman |
| 24 | Penn |
| 25 | UC Davis |

TOP PLAYERS

- OFFENSE** DeAndre Presley, QB, Appalachian State
DEFENSE Ameet Pall, DE, Wofford
NEWCOMER Jewel Hampton, RB, Southern Illinois

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FCS ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

- DL** DeAndre Presley (5-11, 170, Sr.) Appalachian State
RB Eric Breitenstein (5-11, 225, Jr.) Wofford
RB Nate Eachsen (5-10, 212, Sr.) Colgate
DL D.J. Hall (6-3, 305, Sr.) Texas State
DL David Pickard (6-5, 300, Sr.) Southern Illinois
DL Brett Moore (6-3, 258, Sr.) Georgia Southern
DL J.C. Oram (6-4, 310, Sr.) Weber State
OL Juavahr Nathan (6-2, 260, r-Sr.) South Carolina State
TE Shadrae King (6-3, 225, Sr.) Robert Morris
WR Chris Summers (6-4, 210, r-Sr.) Liberty
WR Aaron Mellette (6-4, 212, Jr.) Elon
K Jason Cunningham (6-1, 175, Sr.) Montana State
RS Gralyn Crawford (5-10, 175, Jr.) Stephen F. Austin

DEFENSE

- DL** Brent Russell (6-2, 287, Jr.) Georgia Southern
DL Ameet Pall (6-0, 245, Sr.) Wofford
DL Mario Kurn (6-2, 220, Sr.) San Diego
DL Zack Nash (6-3, 250, Sr.) Sacramento State
LB Tyler Holmes (6-0, 220, Sr.) Massachusetts
LB Kadarron Anderson (6-1, 236, Sr.) Furman
LB Matt Evans (6-0, 219, Jr.) New Hampshire
DB Trumaine Johnson (6-3, 197, Sr.) Montana
DB Charles James (5-10, 175, r-Jr.) Charleston Southern
DB Moses Ellis (5-9, 175, Sr.) Prairie View A&M
DB Laron Scott (5-9, 175, Sr.) Georgia Southern
P David Harrington (6-3, 185, Sr.) Idaho State

Reigning FCS champs face Sky full of challengers

By Mike Sorensen
The (Salt Lake City) Deseret News

Eastern Washington's 2010 co-Big Sky championship with Montana State indicated a changing of the guard in a conference that had been dominated by Montana for nearly two decades. But the Eagles also did something the Grizzlies couldn't in three tries over the past seven years: win an FCS title.

In its first year in the FCS Championship Game, the Eagles captured the national crown last January by rallying from a 19-0 deficit to defeat Delaware 20-19 in Frisco, Texas. With 16 starters returning, Eastern Washington is stacked to make another run at the FCS title, but must first get through the teams in an improved Big Sky.

Montana State has a lot of talent returning, while Sacramento State is an up-and-coming program that could challenge for the crown. Then there's Montana, which will try to get back to the top of the heap this year.

This season marks the last time the Big Sky will be playing as a nine-team league, as four schools will join the mix next year. North Dakota and Southern Utah will be full-time members in 2012, while UC Davis and Cal Poly are joining as football-only members.

Eastern Washington lost its two top players from last year in linebacker J.C. Sherritt, winner of the Buck Buchanan Award (given to the top defensive player in the FCS), and All-America running back Taiwan Jones, who opted to enter the NFL draft.

However, the Eagles have plenty of talent returning,

led by senior quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell, who threw for a school-record 37 touchdowns in 2010. Receivers Brandon Kaufman and Nicholas Edwards, who combined for 133 catches, 1,828 yards and 22 touchdowns, are also back. Senior tackle Renard Williams could be the best defensive player in the league. He'll get help from twin brothers Zach and Matt Johnson, who play linebacker and safety, respectively.

Montana State, which handed EWU one of its two losses last year, returns DeNarius McGhee, the 2010 Big Sky Newcomer of the Year and co-Offensive Player of the Year. Last season, McGhee passed for 3,163 yards and 23 touchdowns with only six interceptions.

Also back are leading rusher Orenzo Davis (1,126 yards, 10 TDs) and receivers Everett Gilbert, Elvis Akpla and Tanner Bleskin. The top defensive player is sophomore linebacker Aleksei Grosulak, who led the team with 88 tackles. All-Big Sky kicker Jason Cunningham also returns.

Montana will try to regain the top spot in the Big Sky with quarterback Nate Montana. That's right. Joe's son is battling sophomore Jordan Johnson for the starting job after transferring from Notre Dame.

Second-year coach Robin Pflugrad may already be feeling the heat in Missoula, where Big Sky championships are expected yearly. The Grizzlies had won at least a share of the league title every year since 1997 until 2010, when Montana finished 7-4 and missed the postseason for the first time in 18 years.

The Grizzlies' strength this season may again be on defense, as the team ranked 10th in the FCS in total defense

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE ▶ DeNarius McGhee, QB, Montana State
DEFENSE ▶ Renard Williams, DT, Eastern Washington
NEWCOMER ▶ Nate Montana, QB, Montana

PREDICTIONS

- 1 ▶ Eastern Washington
- 2 ▶ Montana State
- 3 ▶ Montana
- 4 ▶ Sacramento State
- 5 ▶ Weber State
- 6 ▶ Northern Arizona
- 7 ▶ Northern Colorado
- 8 ▶ Portland State
- 9 ▶ Idaho State

GAME TO WATCH

09/24/11 Montana State at Eastern Washington

This early-season matchup between last year's co-champions could go a long way in determining the 2011 Big Sky title.

with 1,059 yards as a freshman, while defensive end Isaac Bond and linebacker Scott McKeever will lead a depleted defense.

After consecutive 3-8 seasons, **Northern Colorado** has hired former player and assistant Earnest Collins Jr. as coach. The Bears return quarterback Dylan Orms along with top targets Jace Davis, a first-team All-Big Sky pick in 2010, and Patrick Walker. On defense, Northern Colorado will rely on linemen V.J. Holmes and Nick Hernon.

Under second-year coach Nigel Burton, **Portland State** has the league's leading returning rusher in Cory McCaffrey, who ran for 1,287 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2010. He'll be a part of a Pistol offense led by quarterback Connor Kavanaugh. In order to be competitive in the Big Sky, the Vikings will need to improve their defense, which allowed a league-worst 464 yards per game in 2010.

Mike Kramer, who won Big Sky titles at Eastern Washington and Montana State, has been hired at **Idaho State** to turn around a beleaguered Bengals program that has gone 3-31 over the past three seasons. All-American A.J. Storms, who led the FCS with 146 tackles last year, and all-conference picks in punter David Harrington and return specialist Tavoy Moore will provide leadership.

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Flames appear to be the hot pick despite potential for another logjam at top

By Chris Lang
The (Lynchburg Va.) News & Advance

"Tiebreaker" was a dirty word in Big South football last November. As the final week of the regular season approached, Stony Brook was 5-0 in league play and Coastal Carolina and Liberty were tied at 4-1. If either Liberty or Coastal Carolina won its final game, the league would have had to utilize its three-way tiebreaker to decide which school went to the FCS playoffs, since all three teams went 4-0 against the rest of the Big South.

The Flames and Chanticleers each won, but Coastal Carolina earned the league's automatic bid because it allowed fewer points in conference games than the other two teams.

The tiebreaker confused league coaches, so they met during the winter to discuss revamping the system. Though no decision had been formalized at press time, the coaches agree that points—allowed or scored—should not be a factor.

It appears again that Liberty, Stony Brook and Coastal Carolina are a cut above the rest, so the tiebreaker could play a role again this year.

Liberty (8-3 overall, 5-1 Big South) has won at least a share of the last four conference titles. The Flames welcome back a likely Walter Payton Award candidate in quarterback Mike Brown and a serious NFL prospect in receiver Chris Summers.

The Flames also return running back Aldreakis Allen, the team's leading rusher in 2009 who was suspended last season for a violation of team

rules. Allen is a complement to the quick, bruising back SirChauncey Holloway. The Flames' biggest question marks are on the offensive line, where four starters graduated, and at inside linebacker. Cornerback Walt Aikens, an Illinois transfer, could be the shutdown corner the Flames have lacked in recent seasons.

Stony Brook (6-5, 5-1) might have too much of a good thing at tailback with Eddie Gowins, Miguel Maysonet and Brock Jackolski. Gowins is a game-changing back who has missed time due to injuries. Maysonet and Jackolski—transfers from Hofstra's disbanded program—each broke the 1,000-yard mark last season and will push Gowins for time. The passing game, led by QB Michael Coulter and receiver Jordan Gush, improved in 2010, which helped Stony Brook clinch a share of its second straight conference title.

With center Paul Fenaroli graduated, expect Joe Danaker and Mark Matteson to fill in on the offensive line, while end Bryce Brantley will make an impact on the defensive line. Maryland transfer Masengo Kabongo should also strengthen the line on defense.

Coastal Carolina (6-6, 5-1) remains the only Big South program to have appeared in the FCS playoffs, and it hopes to be there again in 2011. But first it must settle its biggest position battle, as neither Aramis Hillary nor Jamie Childers has emerged as the No. 1 quarterback. The Chanticleers will also need to find answers at wide receiver.

Defensively, the Chanticleers return the reigning Big South Defensive Player of the Year in linebacker Andrae Jacobs and NFL-caliber cornerback Josh Norman.

New coach Ron Dickerson

TOP PLAYERS

| | |
|----------|---------------------------------------|
| OFFENSE | ► Mike Brown, QB, Liberty |
| DEFENSE | ► Andrae Jacobs, LB, Coastal Carolina |
| NEWCOMER | ► Exavier Johnson, QB, Gardner-Webb |

PREDICTIONS

- 1 ► Liberty
- 2 ► Stony Brook
- 3 ► Coastal Carolina
- 4 ► Gardner-Webb
- 5 ► Charleston Southern
- 6 ► VMI
- 7 ► Presbyterian*

*Ineligible for conference title

Jr. has tried to change the culture at **Gardner-Webb** (4-7, 2-4), where he's emphasizing discipline and accountability at a program that has been mired in mediocrity for the last half-decade.

Exavier Johnson, a junior college transfer quarterback who began his career at Utah State, will compete for playing time, as will two other juco transfers on the offensive line: 300-pounders Aaron Huck and Zac Blackwell. Dickerson is counting on running back Kenny Little, who missed the last 10 games of 2010 with an injury, and linebacker Marty Patterson, last season's Big South pre-season Player of the Year who missed the entire campaign due to a hip injury.

For years, **Charleston Southern** (3-8, 1-5) has run a pro-style scheme with a big, stationary quarterback. But converted receiver Malcom Dixon saw most of the starting action at QB during spring practice, which signals a shift in philosophy. Coach Jay Mills endured a tough season in 2010, losing starting quarterback A.J. Toscano

to a torn ACL on Oct. 9. The Buccaneers never recovered, and the season ended with a humiliating 70-3 loss to rival Coastal Carolina.

Two of CSU's biggest losses came in the trenches, so Mills

GAME TO WATCH

11/19/11 Liberty at Stony Brook

The Seawolves and Flames are again co-favorites in the Big South race, and the conference's automatic playoff bid could come down to the season-ending showdown on Long Island. The home team has won all three series meetings.

signed four junior college transfers to take on roles in the defensive front.

Coach Sparky Woods made a major offensive change at **VMI** (3-8, 2-4) last season, moving from the triple-option offense to a pro-style system. But the Keydets never found an answer at quarterback, shifting among Cameron Jones, Eric Kordenbrock and Adam Morgan. With a year of recruiting to the new system under his belt, Woods hopes the offense improves in '11.

The Keydets' biggest defensive challenge will be to retool a line that lost three starters. The secondary is stout, thanks to the return of safeties Byron Allen and Trae Watkins.

Presbyterian (2-9, 1-5) snapped its 20-game losing streak with a win at Gardner-Webb and against nonscholarship Davidson last season. But there's still work to be done in Clinton, S.C., as the Blue Hose will once again be ineligible for the league crown after the school's transition period from Division II to Division I was extended by a season.

Quarterback Ryan Singer offered hope in part-time duty last year, as did running back Lance Byrd and wide receivers Michael Ruff and Jeremy Cole. Defensively, Presbyterian will count on lineman Brian Davis and cornerback Justin Bethel.

Upstart Monarchs could be instant contenders

By John O'Connor
Richmond Times-Dispatch

In May 2006, Old Dominion's Board of Visitors voted to restart football, which the school in Norfolk, Va., last played in 1940. The Monarchs organized a program under coach Bobby Wilder, hired in 2007 from the Maine staff, and competed as an FCS independent during the last two seasons.

Now, ODU enters Colonial Athletic Association football competition.

Despite the CAA's status as one of the top FCS leagues, don't expect Old Dominion to be a lamb led to slaughter in conference competition. The Monarchs went 9-2 in 2009 and followed that with last season's 8-3 finish. Wilder has done a solid job recruiting in Virginia's talent-rich Tidewater area, meaning ODU could emerge as a CAA contender right out of the chute.

"They've got talent, and talent overrides a bunch," Richmond coach Latrell Scott says. "Bobby and his guys have done a great job of putting the pieces together."

Evidence supporting the possibility of Old Dominion pushing the CAA leaders includes a hard-fought 21-17 loss to William & Mary last season. The Tribe shared the CAA title with Delaware.

"Even if you are a seven-eight-win team in the CAA, you can still make it to the playoffs," says Monarchs junior defensive tackle Ronnie Cameron.

A CAA team has been involved in seven of the last eight FCS title games, and four different conference programs—Delaware, James Madison, Richmond and

Villanova—have won national championships during that stretch.

Old Dominion's entry to the CAA will be followed by the arrival of Georgia State in 2012. Rhode Island is leaving for the NEC in 2013, while Massachusetts is upgrading to FBS and the Mid-American Conference next year. Villanova and the Big East are also in talks.

Getting the ball in the hands of Jonathan Grimes has been an excellent plan at **William & Mary** (8-4 overall, 6-2 CAA) for three seasons. He heads into his senior year with 3,110 career rushing yards and has already set the school record for all-purpose yards (5,445).

The Tribe have reached the FCS playoffs two straight years, and defense has been a major reason. William & Mary allowed an average of 16.7 points a game last season after giving up 12.1 points a contest in 2009. A new coordinator, Scott Boone, takes over for Bob Shoop, who moved to Vanderbilt's staff.

Jake Trantin was an All-CAA linebacker two years ago, and he returns in the middle after missing last season due to family issues. Trantin and outside linebacker Dante Cook (111 tackles) make the Tribe perhaps the league's strongest at that position.

Harold Robertson anchors a defensive line that also returns Marcus Hyde (5.5 sacks) and George Beerhalter, who developed nicely last season as a true freshman. Junior cornerback B.W. Webb has nine career interceptions and also gives William & Mary an explosive punt returner.

North Carolina transfer Mike Paulus is the projected starter at QB for 2011, with

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE ▶ Jonathan Grimes, RB, William & Mary

DEFENSE ▶ Tyler Holmes, LB, Massachusetts

NEWCOMER ▶ Cooper Taylor, S, Richmond

PREDICTIONS

- 1 ▶ William & Mary
- 2 ▶ Delaware
- 3 ▶ New Hampshire
- 4 ▶ Richmond
- 5 ▶ Maine
- 6 ▶ James Madison
- 7 ▶ Massachusetts
- 8 ▶ Old Dominion
- 9 ▶ Villanova
- 10 ▶ Rhode Island
- 11 ▶ Towson

GAME TO WATCH

10/08/11

William & Mary at Delaware

William & Mary has made two straight playoff appearances and is the league favorite, while Delaware is coming off an FCS title game appearance.

defenses with his speed, while Mark Schenauer (36) is a big target at 6-3 and 212 pounds.

End Michael Atunrase is the only returnee on the defensive line. Look for senior Matt Hardison to stand out at tackle after playing in all 15 games as a backup last season. Junior Paul Worrilow (113 tackles) will move from the outside to play middle linebacker this season.

Seven straight years of postseason qualification for **New Hampshire** (8-5, 5-3) indicate that coach Sean McDonnell has a winning formula. The Wildcats are likely to be among the CAA's best teams again despite the loss of star QB R.J. Toman.

Senior Kevin Decker will succeed Toman, and a glimpse of what Decker can do was available in the Wildcats' 45-20 playoff win at Bethune-Cookman. With Toman injured, Decker completed 23 of 35 passes for 289 yards and three touchdowns.

Dontra Peters came to New Hampshire as a defensive back, but the 5-11, 192-pound junior switched to running back and gained 707 yards last season.

The Wildcats lose two solid defensive backs in corner Dino Vasso (6 INTs) and safety Hugo Souza (7.3 tackles per game). However, the defense is still in fine shape with senior

defensive end Brian McNally, who set a school record for sacks (13.5) in 2010, and junior linebacker Matt Evans, who led the league in tackles.

Keeping senior quarterback Aaron Corp healthy is vital to **Richmond's** (6-5, 4-4) 2011 campaign. The Spiders lost the 6-3 transfer from USC to a knee injury five games into last year. He didn't play again in 2010 and was limited through spring practice, but is expected back for the start of the season.

Corp's injury was one of several that bedeviled the Spiders in Latrell Scott's first go-round as a head coach. However, the Spiders stayed in the playoff hunt until late in the season because of their strong defense, which will now be without its three stars: lineman Martin Parker, linebacker Eric McBride and cornerback Justin Rogers, who all were All-Americans in 2010.

Tre Gray is among the league's best receivers, and tight end Kevin Finney will be another of Corp's preferred targets. The Spiders' young offensive linemen acquired experience through a transition year and should be able to make room for fullback Kendall Gaskins and tailbacks Jovan Smith and Garrett Wilkins.

Four of Richmond's top five tacklers are gone, but veteran coordinator Bob Trott has standout cornerback Tremayne Graham back along with end Brandon Scott. Georgia Tech transfer Cooper Taylor, a former starter for the Yellow Jackets, brings size (6-4, 225 pounds) and speed to free safety.

If **Maine** (4-7, 3-5) can find some playmakers on both sides of the ball, it could be the team that climbs the most in the CAA standings. However, a lack of big plays and turnovers (21 last year) are offensive issues that need to be addressed.

Veteran coach Jack Cosgrove believes in establishing a running game, and the Bears return tailback

Pushaun Brown (59.1 rushing yards per game) to go with an experienced group of blockers led by Chris Howley.

The Bears have used Warren Smith and Chris Treister at quarterback in the past, and they're both seniors this season. Cosgrove wants more from a position that gave Maine 10 touchdown passes and 10 interceptions in 2010.

Linebacker Donte Dennis and safety Jerron McMillian are the best of Cosgrove's returning defensive players.

James Madison (6-5, 3-5) has now endured back-to-back 6-5 campaigns with a program expected to annually contend for a national title.

To enliven his offense, coach Mickey Matthews took a pair of significant steps. First, he announced that he'll now be the Dukes' play-caller, and brought in Billy Cosh, a Kansas State transfer, at QB.

Matthews used ultra-athletic Da'Quan Scott some at quarterback late last season. He is the team's top playmaker and is likely to line up at wideout in 2011.

Linebacker Stephon Robertson, the CAA's 2010 Defensive Rookie of the Year, is the backbone of a defense that keyed JMU's shocking 21-16 win at Virginia Tech early last season. Robertson is one of several starters back on a defense that will again be among the CAA's best.

This will be **Massachusetts'** (6-5, 4-4) last year in the CAA, as the school is joining the MAC next year.

While they begin the transition, the Minutemen will experience their most significant changes on the field at quarterback and on defense. The new defensive coordinator is Frank Forcucci, who will attempt to tighten a unit that allowed an average of 25.2 points a game in 2010. All-America linebacker Tyler Holmes (10 tackles per game, 5 INTs) is the defensive leader.

The new quarterback could be sophomore Kellen Pagel, a Bowling Green transfer.

Brandon Hill, a redshirt freshman, is also in the mix.

Julian Talley (56 catches, 747 yards) will be UMass' top receiver after the loss of All-CAA choice Anthony Nelson. Jonathan Hernandez, who averaged 105.9 all-purpose yards last season, and Jamar Smith give the Minutemen a solid rushing combination.

A lack of quality athletes won't be a problem for **Old Dominion** (8-3) in its first season as a CAA member. The Monarchs also have experience, as most players were involved in two seasons of play as an FCS independent.

Quarterback Thomas DeMarco enters his third season as a starter, and provides the Monarchs with a run-pass threat. In two years, he has rushed for 1,315 yards and also threw 23 touchdowns in 2010.

Coach Bobby Wilder believes the best CAA teams must have three quality running backs, and ODU's trio starts with Mario Crawford (1,105 rushing yards in the last two seasons). The Monarchs' deep group of receivers is led by Reid Evans (55 catches), who has topped the team in receptions for two years.

Hofstra transfer Ronnie Cameron is back after collecting 19 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks in 2010, while cornerback TJ Cowart (11 pass breakups) is one of the best in the conference.

Villanova (9-5, 5-3) coach Andy Talley says he felt a sense of "culture shock" during the first couple of spring practices this season. The Wildcats are now without 13 senior starters from their third straight playoff team.

"Refuel the group" is the way Talley is framing the new-look Wildcats, who will miss the services of Chris Whitney, a four-year starter at quarterback who passed for 6,241 career yards and rushed for 2,450 more. Also gone is Matt Szczur, a do-everything player who decided to forgo the NFL and sign a professional baseball contract after

being a fifth-round pick of the Chicago Cubs last June.

Villanova will retool on offense with redshirt freshman Dustin Thomas, the presumed starter at quarterback. Thomas' primary job will be to get the ball to an outstanding group of receivers led by Norman White (69 catches, 886 yards, 11 TDs).

Villanova needs three new starters at linebacker, but the secondary should be strong with James Pitts and Eric Loper returning.

Rhode Island (5-6, 4-4) won three of its last four contests in 2010, and Joe Trainer was named the CAA Coach of the Year after leading the Rams to three victories over nationally ranked FCS teams.

In its next-to-last CAA campaign (Rhode Island is moving to the NEC in 2013), the Rams will look for continued production from QB Steve Probst, who led the team with 600 rushing yards and passed for 1,876 yards in 2010.

Probst's favorite target will again be Anthony Baskerville, a former QB who had 48 receptions last year. Travis Hurd, who was the CAA's top kick returner last year, saw more time at running back as the season progressed.

The defensive strength is up front, with Matt Rae, Willie McGinnis and Matt Sheard. That trio helped the Rams hold opponents to an average of 126.4 rushing yards in 2010.

Towson (1-10, 0-8) joined the CAA in 2004 and continues to seek its first winning record in the league. The Tigers haven't won more than one conference game in any of the last four campaigns.

The return of quarterback Peter Athens helps. He missed last season with a knee injury after starting six times as a true freshman in 2009. The Tigers will look for secondary leadership from Jordan Dangerfield (96 tackles), who transferred from Hofstra. Defensive end Frank Beltre, a converted linebacker, had 12.5 tackles for loss in 2010.

GREAT WEST

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Thunderbird is the word in Great West for 2011

By Steve Silverman
Correspondent

The Great West saw Southern Utah emerge last year as the best team in a competitive conference race. The Thunderbirds used an explosive offense that exceeded the 50-point mark twice, helping them finish with an undefeated conference record.

This league usually features several high-powered offensive attacks, including UC Davis. The Aggies finished with the same regular-season record as Southern Utah but couldn't contend with the Thunderbirds' air attack when the two teams met, falling 55-24 on their home field. Both teams will contend for top honors again.

Southern Utah (6-5 overall, 4-0 Great West) no longer has record-setting receiver Tyson Poots or all-conference wideout Fesi Sitake, but quarterback Brad Sorenson returns. Sorenson was a unanimous all-conference choice after completing 261 passes for 3,163 yards and 21 touchdowns in 2010. To make up for the absence of Poots, the Thunderbirds will likely turn to their running attack. Running back Austin Minefee ran for 764 yards a year ago and has a nice burst of quickness to make big plays. Minefee also caught 27 passes.

The receiving corps will be led this year by tight end Abbel Aiono, who caught two touchdown passes and was honorable mention all-conference last season. Jared Ursua and Justin Brown have the best chance of replacing Poots and Sitake, but they will face significant competition.

The defense should have plenty of nastiness with end

Tyler Osborne and safety Erron Vonner, both first-team All-Great West performers, returning. Osborne had 18.5 tackles for loss, seven sacks and 52 tackles last year, while Vonner chipped in with 60 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss and seven passes defended.

UC Davis (6-5, 3-1) will battle for the conference title with its own explosive passing attack. The Aggies are led by quarterback Randy Wright, who displayed poise, athleticism and a strong arm as a rookie. Wright connected on 205 passes for 2,432 yards and 17 touchdowns last year.

The sophomore will have to make adjustments since Sean Creadick and Dean Rogers have moved on after combining for 96 receptions in 2010. Anthony Soto caught 29 balls a year ago and uses his quickness and elusiveness to get open.

He should be a primary target in 2011. Nick Aprile gives the running game credibility. He gained 389 yards and scored six touchdowns a year ago and packs a good punch at 215 pounds.

Cal Poly (7-4, 2-2) will try to unseat Southern Utah and UC Davis from the top two spots. Coach Tim Walsh is counting on quarterback Andre Broadous to grow in the triple-option offense this season. With his quickness and awareness, he will become one of the better players in the league if his decision-making improves. Broadous is an accurate passer who connected on 41 passes for 510 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions last year. He also ran for 305 yards and three touchdowns.

Running back Mark Rodgers rushed for 882 yards and eight touchdowns, while fullback Jake Romanelli recorded 459 yards and eight scores a year ago. Both backs earned All-Great West honors. On the

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE ► Brad Sorenson, QB, Southern Utah

DEFENSE ► Gavin Cooper, LB, Cal Poly

NEWCOMER ► Michael Clore, WR, Southern Utah

PREDICTIONS

1 ► Southern Utah

2 ► UC Davis

3 ► Cal Poly

4 ► South Dakota

5 ► North Dakota

GAME TO WATCH

10/15/11

Southern Utah at Cal Poly

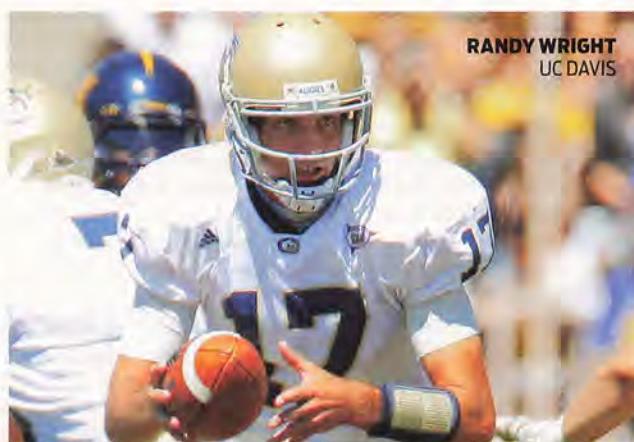
This midseason game may give the winner pole position in the conference race. Cal Poly will try to get its offense untracked after getting shackled by the Thunderbirds 20-7 last year.

tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss and three sacks a year ago.

North Dakota (3-8, 0-4) will try to fight back after a tough 2010 season with 14 returning starters, including seven on offense.

Senior quarterback Brent Goska offers size and strength in the pocket, and he did a decent job connecting on 42 passes in a backup role a year ago. However, he is going to have show more leadership ability if the offense has any chance of becoming consistent this season.

Goska will need help from running back Mitch Sutton, who averaged 4.2 yards per carry in gaining 288 yards on the ground last year. Linebacker Dan Hendrickson, who had 78 tackles (8 for loss), is the best player on defense.



Ivy market bullish on a Penn threepeat

By Andy Jasner
Correspondent

Back-to-back-to-back.

That's what the Penn football team is on the verge of accomplishing this year, coming off a 9-1 campaign in 2010 that included a sparkling 7-0 mark in the Ivy League.

The Quakers' defense ranked tops in the Ancient Eight while the offense featured the sixth-best rushing attack in the nation. All of that added up to a second straight Ivy title.

Now entering his 20th season as coach of the Quakers, Al Bagnoli has compiled back-to-back Ivy League championships three times. No other coach in the league has done it even once.

Bagnoli has had just one losing season at Penn and owns 217 career victories, which makes him one of six coaches in FCS history with at least 200 wins.

Even though Penn seems unbeatable, Harvard and Brown will again be nipping at the Quakers' heels. With a strong defense, Yale also has a chance of impacting the league race.

Last season, Penn swept through the Ivy for the third time in the league's 55-year history.

Of course, it was these same Quakers who did it in 1993-94 and 2002-03.

Penn will be tough again this season, as it welcomes back senior linebacker Erik Rask (team-best 65 tackles) and junior defensive lineman Brandon Copeland, who finished fifth in the Ivy League with 10 tackles for loss last year.

Junior quarterback Billy Ragone (13 TDs) returns for the offense. He'll be protected

by formidable senior tackle Greg Van Roten.

Harvard was a worthy opponent last season en route to a 7-3 overall record and 5-2 Ivy League finish. The Crimson defeated rival Yale 28-21 to pick up their ninth victory in the last 10 years over the Bulldogs.

It was Harvard's Ivy League-record 10th consecutive season with at least seven victories.

Harvard lost a lot of firepower from last season's team, but junior running back Treavor Scales rushed 87 times for 520 yards and three touchdowns in 2010.

Senior linebacker Alex Gedeon, the 138th captain in Harvard football history, will anchor the defense. Gedeon, a second-team All-Ivy selection, ranked fourth on the team with 50 tackles last year. He also stepped in as the team's punter against Columbia and averaged 36.8 yards per kick, dropping one inside the 20-yard line.

Gedeon had a career-high 17 tackles against Yale, proving he has the ability to elevate his game to the biggest of stages.

Yale sported an identical record to Harvard, going 7-3 overall and 5-2 in the Ivy. The Bulldogs will again look to 2011 team captain Jordan Haynes, who led them with 102 tackles last season. Haynes is the third linebacker in four years to captain the Bulldogs and the first from California in 56 years.

Yale won six games last season by five or fewer points and lost some heartbreakers along the way, including that season finale to Harvard. It was the most wins for Yale since 2007.

If the Bulldogs can get some breaks and start strong, they could make a push for the league title.

Brown was a mild surprise

TOP PLAYERS

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|-----------------|---|------------------------------|
| OFFENSE | ► | Billy Ragone, QB, Penn |
| DEFENSE | ► | Shawn Abuhoff, CB, Dartmouth |
| NEWCOMER | ► | Max Fink, DL, Yale |

PREDICTIONS

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| 1 ► Penn |
| 2 ► Harvard |
| 3 ► Yale |
| 4 ► Brown |
| 5 ► Dartmouth |
| 6 ► Princeton |
| 7 ► Columbia |
| 8 ► Cornell |

GAME TO WATCH

11/12/11 Penn at Harvard

This game could determine the outcome of the Ivy League—and Harvard is never an easy place to play.

Tigers could be much tougher this time around.

Junior linebacker Andrew Starks finished second on the team and fourth in the Ivy League with 8.9 tackles per game a year ago. Starks led the Tigers with seven tackles for loss and added two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

Columbia won four games a year ago but lost a key player Andrew Kennedy, who led all FCS tight ends in receptions (50), receiving yards (616) and touchdowns (9) in 2010. Kennedy also topped all Ivy receivers in touchdown catches and ranked third among league receivers in yards per game and fourth in receptions per game.

The offense will be placed in the hands of junior quarterback Sean Brackett, who passed for 2,072 yards and 19 touchdowns while rushing for three scores last season.

At **Cornell**, Jeff Mathews will likely handle the quarterback duties. Mathews took over under center at halftime of the team's first game last year and became the first Cornell freshman quarterback to start a game the following week in the home opener against Yale. Mathews wound up throwing for 1,723 yards and seven touchdowns on the campaign.

The Big Red lost a plethora of talent on defense and now tackle the challenge of integrating young players into a weak unit.

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Panthers roaring to repeat as Valley champs

By Randy Reinhardt
Bloomington (Ill.) Pantagraph

Heavy graduation losses seemed to justify Northern Iowa's fourth-place rung in the 2010 Missouri Valley Football Conference preseason poll. But when the Panthers chugged to the MVFC crown, the rest of the league was once again taught a difficult lesson: Never sleep on a program that has now won at least a share of the conference title in six of the last 11 years.

Look for the Panthers to be wide-awake in a bid to defend their title after a disheartening first-round playoff loss to Lehigh at the UNI-Dome. After Northern Iowa, though, the rest of the MVFC looks to be up for grabs. What else would you expect from a league that had a six-way tie for third place at 4-4 in 2010?

The Northern Iowa offense took on another dimension in 2010 with slippery quarterback Tirrell Rennie, who rushed for 1,291 yards and passed for 1,526 during his first season in Cedar Falls. Add in tailback Carlos Anderson, receiver Jarred Herring and four returning starters on the offensive line and the Panthers' offense should be lethal once again.

Havoc-wreaking tackle Ben Boothby, linebacker L.J. Fort and safety Andre Martin headline a defense that returns 10 starters.

Part of the third-place taffy pull in conference action last season, **Southern Illinois'** disappointing 5-6 record snapped a string of seven consecutive playoff appearances. However, look for the Salukis

to again bark up a winning tree thanks to 17 returning starters. Safety Mike McElroy was granted a medical redshirt after a season-ending ankle injury in Week 2 and spearheads the defense along with end Chance Coda.

Northern Illinois transfer A.J. Hill could push Paul McIntosh at quarterback. Whoever takes the snaps will have the protection of a veteran offensive front led by All-MVFC pick Bryan Boemer. Jewel Hampton, a transfer from Iowa, looks to be a factor at tailback.

Western Illinois navigated a remarkable turnaround from 1-10 in 2009 to 8-5 and a second-place 5-3 conference mark during Mark Hendrickson's first full season as head coach. However, the Leathernecks must now press on without All-Americans Matt Barr at quarterback and Kyle Glazier at linebacker, plus Lito Senatus, who led the MVFC in receiving yards last season.

Tailbacks Caulton Ray and Bryce Flowers are back after combining for nearly 1,900 yards last season, along with three interior linemen and a deep group of receivers. Wil Lunt has the most experience in a four-way tussle to replace Barr at quarterback.

South Dakota State endured its first losing season (5-6) since 2001 and will try to right the ship by leaning on stout units at linebacker and the offensive line.

Tyrel Kool, last season's top receiver, has been shifted to running back to address the loss of three-time All-MVFC pick Kyle Minett. The Jackrabbits have huge holes to fill in the secondary with the departures of safety Corey Jeske and cornerback Cole Brodie.

Illinois State may have the Missouri Valley's top offense with quarterback Matt

TOP PLAYERS

- OFFENSE** ▶ Tirrell Rennie, QB, Northern Iowa
DEFENSE ▶ Ben Boothby, DT, Northern Iowa
NEWCOMER ▶ Jewel Hampton, RB, Southern Illinois

PREDICTIONS

- 1 ▶ Northern Iowa
2 ▶ Southern Illinois
3 ▶ Western Illinois
4 ▶ South Dakota State
5 ▶ Illinois State
6 ▶ North Dakota State
7 ▶ Indiana State
8 ▶ Missouri State
9 ▶ Youngstown State

GAME TO WATCH

10/22/11
Southern Illinois at Northern Iowa

The Salukis and Panthers have had several recent classics, including Southern Illinois' 45-38 overtime victory at Carbondale last season. This game figures to play a huge role in the MVC race.

Brown, top-flight receivers Tyrone Walker, Marvon Sanders and Bryant Allen (who transferred from Minnesota) and four seasoned linemen.

The Redbirds' defense coughed up nearly 40 points per game last season and must make giant strides in order to contend for a league title. All-MVFC pick Eric Brunner will lead the charge up front at defensive tackle.

North Dakota State will aim for another playoff berth after falling to eventual national champion Eastern Washington in last season's FCS quarterfinals. While the Bison made a splash early by beating FBS foe Kansas, they were able to win only half of their conference games.

Running back D.J. McNor ton is back after a 1,559-yard season, while Paul Cornick is among the MVFC's top blockers. The Bison defense will lean on end Coulter Boyer.

Indiana State is no longer a given as the Valley doormat. The Sycamores, who were 2-54 over the previous five seasons, came of age in coach Trent Miles' third year with a 6-5 overall record and 4-4 league mark.

Quarterback Ronnie Fouch is back to pilot an offense that scored a school-record 351 points in 2010. Tailback Darrius Gates (1,057 yards)

will be missed, but dynamic sophomore Shakir Bell averaged 6.8 yards as a freshman. The Sycamores' defense began to mature last season and should continue to do so in 2011.

Trevor Wooden moves from wide receiver to quarterback to replace four-year starter Cody Kirby at **Missouri State**.

While the Bears are deep at running back and receiver, they welcome back just four defensive starters. Missouri State won all five home games but dropped each of six road contests in 2010.

In order to contend in the Valley, **Youngstown State** must learn how to win the close games. The Penguins finished 1-7 in the conference last season, though they were outscored by just 36 points overall (272-236) during those contests. Quarterback Kurt Hess had a solid freshman season, while tailback Jamaine Cook is back after rushing for 1,276 yards in 2010.

The Penguins addressed their defensive line in the offseason and expect that unit to be significantly better. However, the secondary is a concern with projected starter Jamarius Boatwright lost for the season due to a torn ACL.

Fourth title in seven years has Devils talking dynasty

By Steve Amedio
Schenectady (N.Y.) Gazette

The past decade was a good one for Central Connecticut State. Its 59 wins from 2000-09 set a program record for most victories in a decade. And the Blue Devils are still going strong.

"We weren't sure last year's team could be that good, but we got everything out of it that we could," coach Jeff McInerney says. "But this year's team has a chance to be better than last year's. We need some guys who were solid last year to step up, but I'm excited."

Fans of the program should also be excited, as more success will have the Blue Devils approaching dynasty status in the conference.

With significant personnel losses suffered by most of the other conference teams, CCSU could put some distance between itself and everyone else this season.

In 2010, **Central Connecticut State** (8-3 overall, 7-1 NEC) shared the conference's top spot for the fourth time in seven seasons. And it appears the Blue Devils are prepared to continue their run of recent success.

However, they'll need to see improvement from a defense that allowed 29.7 points per game last season. Key players returning are second-team All-NEC end Charles Williams and linebacker Lorenzo Baker.

Offensively, the Blue Devils lose tailback Everette Benjamin, but senior Brian Fowler, who missed last season with an shoulder injury, is a capable replacement.

Gunnar Jespersen (1,918 passing yards, 495 rushing

yards) is poised to become one of the NEC's top quarterbacks. He'll get help from Deven Baker (19 catches) at receiver.

While Central Connecticut State shared the NEC's best record in 2010, it was **Robert Morris** (8-3, 7-1) that advanced to the FCS playoffs by virtue of its win over the Blue Devils in the regular season. The Colonials look to be strong in 2011, but they suffered enough losses to make it a challenge to keep pace with CCSU.

Still, RMU has an all-conference aerial show with quarterback Jeff Sinclair (22 TDs) and tight end Shadrae King (43 catches, 531 yards).

The Colonials return just four defensive starters, but lineman Nolan Nearhoof (5.5 sacks) was an All-NEC performer last season.

Expect **Albany** (6-5, 4-4) to rebound after coming off its worst league record since joining the NEC in 1999. But for the Great Danes to be great again, they'll need to plug some holes in a weak offensive line. Joe Hoback, a junior college transfer, is expected to have an impact at center.

Quarterback Buddy Leathley (748 yards), 2010 NEC Offensive Rookie of the Year Dillon Romain (547 rushing yards), tailback Andrew Smith (724), wide receiver Ryan Kirchner (50 catches, 504 yards) and second-team All-NEC defensive lineman Eddie Delaney are stars for the Great Danes.

Duquesne (7-4, 5-3) won four of its final five games last season and should be as good this year with 14 returning starters. But the Dukes must find replacements on the defensive line and in the backfield.

Offensively, Duquesne should be improved with Larry McCoy (1,291 rushing yards). He'll run behind a veteran offensive line led by Ron Dunn.

TOP PLAYERS

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| OFFENSE | ► Gunnar Jespersen, QB, Central Connecticut State |
| DEFENSE | ► Nolan Nearhoof, DE, Robert Morris |
| NEWCOMER | ► A.J. Alexander, WR, St. Francis |

PREDICTIONS

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|-----|---------------------------|
| 1 ► | Central Connecticut State |
| 2 ► | Robert Morris |
| 3 ► | Albany |
| 4 ► | Duquesne |
| 5 ► | Bryant |
| 6 ► | Wagner |
| 7 ► | Monmouth |
| 8 ► | Sacred Heart |
| 9 ► | St. Francis |

GAME TO WATCH

11/05/11 Robert Morris at Central Connecticut

Robert Morris' 42-24 victory over CCSU last season was the tie-breaker between the two teams that finished 7-1 in regular-season play. This year's meeting is also expected to determine the NEC title.

Bryant (7-4, 4-4) has 12 starters back to create some optimism in its fourth season at the FCS level. The offense should be solid with QB Mike Croce (1,780 passing yards) at the helm. Tailback back Jordan Brown (1,410 yards, 15 TDs) was a first-team All-NEC pick last season.

Defensively, the top returnee is cornerback Samad Wagstaff, who led Bryant with four interceptions, three of which he returned for touchdowns.

Wagner (5-6, 3-5) was among the FCS' top 30 for fewest yards allowed (321.4 per game) last season, but has just seven starters back. The Seawolves must also improve offensively in order to better last season's record.

That means finding help for QB Nick Doscher, who will look to tailback Torian Phillips, a Syracuse transfer, and receiver David Crawford (35 catches, 629 yards). On defense, linebacker Julian Stanford is back after posting seven sacks last year, the most in the NEC.

Monmouth (3-8, 3-5) was close to having a solid season in 2010, as the Hawks lost four one-point games. Despite losing five starters, the offense should be effective with quarterback Kyle Frazier (2,072 yards) and split end Matt Plautz (32 catches, 338

yards). Balial Sloan El (51 carries, 231 yards) will help the running game.

Leading the defense is safety Jose Gumbs (team-best 76 tackles), who was a second-team All-NEC pick.

Sacred Heart (4-7, 2-6) needs a replacement for QB Dale Fink, who led the NEC in total yards last season. However, the running game has a solid tailback in Gregory Ibe (453 yards), while Rich Rossi (51 catches, 704 yards) is among the top returning wide receivers.

The defense should be better this year with the return of seven of the team's leading tacklers from 2010. The veteran linebacking corps is solid with Chris Mandas (88 tackles), Mike Zambarano (79) and Niko Sierra.

St. Francis (1-10, 1-7) isn't likely to be an NEC contender in 2011, but it should be improved, particularly on offense. Quarterback John Kelly (12 TDs) and tailback Kyle Harbridge (593 yards) begin their third seasons as starters. Anthony Howze (31 catches, 289 yards) and Florida State transfer A.J. Alexander are solid targets.

Defensively, the Red Flash lose linebackers Scott Lewis and Matthew Parker, but still have senior Tyler Gillmen.

OHIO VALLEY

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Racers have the horses for first OVC crown since '02

By Michael Grant
Louisville Courier-Journal

It was a topsy-turvy 2010 for the Ohio Valley Conference, and though league teams seem more settled this season, fans could be along for another roller coaster ride in 2011.

Southeast Missouri State began the 2010 campaign expected to finish second to last in the OVC, with Murray State slated to bring up the rear. Instead, SEMO won its first-ever conference crown, while Murray State wound up fourth.

Now, with a loaded offense and a few improvements to the defense, the Racers may be primed to earn their first OVC title since 2002.

Jacksonville State provided the highlight of last season with its shocking double-overtime victory at Ole Miss. And since the Gamecocks are still strong, they could upset Kentucky when they travel to Lexington on Oct. 22.

Perhaps the biggest turmoil will come at the end of the year when Eastern Illinois loses longtime coach Bob Spoo, who is retiring.

Murray State (6-5 overall, 5-3 OVC) might be ready to take the next step, as coach Chris Hatcher made the Racers relevant after finishing with a winning record for the first time since 2004. In his second season, they could compete for a championship with nine starters back on offense and eight on defense.

The Racers will be led by quarterback Casey Brockman, who ranked fifth among all FCS teams in total offense (303.8 yards per game) as a sophomore. Murray State loses All-OVC receiver Marcus Harris (84 catches, 1,057 yards) but

returns Arthur Brackett, who was second to Harris in receptions last year with 62. Tailback Mike Harris is also back to fortify the offense.

The key for Murray will be improvement on defense, but there are high hopes for three junior college transfers—juco All-America linebacker Sam Small, cornerback Victor Daniels and safety Darius Buck.

Jacksonville State (9-3, 6-2) didn't win the OVC in 2010, but it had the best season of any team in the league—ranking as high as No. 2 in the FCS polls. The stellar campaign helped the Gamecocks earn a first-round bye in the FCS playoffs, where they were upset at home by Wofford.

The JSU defense could get a boost from Chris Boone, who is stepping in as defensive coordinator. Boone will work with All-OVC players in defensive back Keginald Harris (49 tackles, 5 INTs) and linemen Monte Lewis (7.0 tackles for loss, 3 sacks) and Jamison Wedley (8.5 tackles for loss).

Eastern Kentucky (6-5, 5-2) will enter next season with a four-game winning streak, but to continue to win the Colonels will need to get more consistent play out of quarterback T.J. Pryor, the 2009 OVC Freshman of the Year. Last season, he threw for 12 touchdowns but had 12 interceptions.

All-conference returnee Jeremy Caldwell (3 INTs) is a standout in EKU's defensive backfield and on special teams. Last year, he returned two kickoffs for scores, ran back a punt for a touchdown and took an interception to the end zone.

Southeast Missouri State (9-3, 7-1) enjoyed one of the most stunning turnarounds in OVC history last season, as Tony Samuel was named conference Coach of the Year

TOP PLAYERS

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| OFFENSE | Casey Brockman, QB, Murray State |
| DEFENSE | Monte Lewis, DE, Jacksonville State |
| NEWCOMER | Trey Smith, WR, Jacksonville State |

PREDICTIONS

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | Murray State |
| 2 | Jacksonville State |
| 3 | Eastern Kentucky |
| 4 | Southeast Missouri State |
| 5 | Eastern Illinois |
| 6 | Tennessee-Martin |
| 7 | Tennessee Tech |
| 8 | Austin Peay State |
| 9 | Tennessee State |

GAME TO WATCH

10/01/11
Jacksonville State at Murray State

Jacksonville State won the last matchup, 40-34, despite the Racers' rally from a 19-point deficit. Murray is looking for payback and a leg up in the conference race, and may get it this season.

and became just the second OVC coach to win the Eddie Robinson Award, given to the nation's top coach.

The Redhawks lose eight starters on offense but return 17 seniors, including QB Matt Scheible (1,246 yards, 8 TDs), a first-team All-OVC member. Of the eight starters moving on, the Redhawks will miss OVC Offensive Player of the Year Henry Harris the most. The graduated running back ranked first in the FCS in all-purpose yards (217.4 per game).

The defense will be helped by the return of safety Bryan Blanford. He missed last year with a knee injury, but had 79 tackles in 2009.

This will be Bob Spoo's 25th and final year at **Eastern Illinois** (2-9, 2-6), where he is tied for fourth all-time in OVC victories (67).

To give him a memorable sendoff, EIU added some junior college muscle in offensive lineman Eric Varela and defensive lineman Clinton Simpkins. The Panthers' biggest problem last year was an ineffective offense, as they ranked last in the league in points per game (17.9). To improve in that area, Eastern hopes to see QB Jimmy Garoppolo (14 TDs, 13 INTs) step up his game.

Tennessee-Martin (6-5, 5-3) had the OVC's best defense

in 2010, allowing 299.3 yards per game and placing third in points allowed (23.1 per game). The outlook was not so good on offense, where the Skyhawks will try to find some juice for a unit that scored only 26 touchdowns last season. At least the running game will be stout with the return of the team's top three rushers, led by Jason McNair (547 yards in 2010).

Tennessee Tech (5-6, 4-4) has one of the best weapons in the league in wide receiver Tim Benford (50 catches, 812 yards, 10 TDs). If he matches his production from last season, the senior will climb into the OVC's top five all-time in receptions. He has 151 career catches so far. Quarterback Tre Lamb returns after missing the final three games of 2010 due to injury.

Since **Austin Peay State** (2-9, 1-7) returned to OVC football in 2007, it has had one winning season. Coach Rick Christophel will try to turn things around with tailback Ryan White (769 yards) and quarterback Jake Ryan.

Tennessee State (3-8, 0-7) hit rock bottom last year, as it became the first OVC team to finish winless in league play since 2006. For improvement, the Tigers will look to linebacker Wilson Robinson (3.5 tackles for loss, 2 sacks).



PATRIOT

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Mountain Hawks carry Patriot pride into season

By Andy Jasner
Correspondent

Lehigh enjoyed plenty of success during the 2010 season, winning its ninth Patriot League championship.

The Mountain Hawks finished 10-3, including a 5-0 mark in league play, and defeated Northern Iowa 14-7 in the opening round of the FCS playoffs. While they lost 42-20 to No. 3 Delaware in the second round and saw their eight-game winning streak come to an end, it hardly diminished the fact that they were the first Patriot team to reach the second round of the postseason since Colgate went to the national title game in 2003. Patriot schools don't typically offer athletic grants, which puts them on unequal footing come playoff time.

With nine all-league selections returning, Lehigh should sit atop the league again this season, as no other program has near the firepower it will take to unseat the Hawks. Colgate could come close because of its running game.

Lehigh will open the season at Monmouth and then follow with four games against scholarship programs, which makes for a challenging schedule.

Seven of 13 starters return to an offense highlighted by quarterback Chris Lum, fullback Sean Farrell and wide receivers Ryan Spadola and Jake Drwal. Lum threw for 2,881 yards and 19 touchdowns while completing 58 percent of his passes last season.

Spadola caught 78 passes for 1,130 yards and nine touchdowns, while Drwal compiled 622 yards receiving and three touchdowns.

Colgate's success depends on running back Nate Eachus. The gritty 5-10, 215-pound senior led the Patriot League—and nation—with 1,871 yards rushing, the third-best total for a single season in league history. Eachus also averaged an FCS-leading 170.1 yards rushing per game and scored 22 touchdowns to tie for the nation's best mark. Against Cornell, Eachus registered 25 carries for a league-record 291 yards.

So, as you can see, as Eachus goes, so go the Raiders. Colgate has a chance to win every game when the All-American is in the backfield. Without quarterback Greg Sullivan and a number of graduated starters on offense and defense, however, the task will be much more difficult.

Holy Cross returns six starters on both offense and defense, including quarterback Ryan Taggart (1,899 passing yards, 14 TDs), a fifth-year senior, and offensive tackles Mike McCabe and Kyle Pedretty. But the Crusaders lost a trio of wide receivers—Luke Chmielinski, Bill Edger and Freddie Santana—who combined for 1,473 yards and 15 touchdowns last year. On defense, Ricky Otis returns at linebacker, where he was in on 108 tackles last year.

Without last year's talent to draw from, Holy Cross faces some challenges, but the Crusaders could still post a winning record for the seventh season in a row. That hasn't happened since a seven-year stretch from 1986-92.

Georgetown finished 4-7 last year and showed signs of improvement throughout the season. While the Hoyas defeated Marist 14-7 in the season finale, they also said goodbye to 15 seniors.

Replacing them won't be

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE ► Nate Eachus, RB, Colgate
DEFENSE ► Jayah Kaisamba, CB, Georgetown
NEWCOMER ► Ryan Laughlin, QB, Holy Cross

PREDICTIONS

- 1 ► Lehigh
- 2 ► Colgate
- 3 ► Holy Cross
- 4 ► Georgetown
- 5 ► Lafayette
- 6 ► Bucknell
- 7 ► Fordham

GAME TO WATCH

11/29/11 Lehigh at Colgate

This contest marks the end of a tough three-game road trip for Lehigh. It's also a game that could play a major role in which team wins the league title.

easy, but the presence of senior cornerback Jayah Kaisamba should ease the pain. He started 10 games for the Hoyas and was among the nation's leaders in interceptions with five. Kaisamba was also 30th in the nation with 11 passes defensed in helping Georgetown rank 21st in pass-efficiency defense (110.52).

Lafayette was 2-9 overall and 1-4 in league games a year ago, and it's not going to get any easier this season with a challenging schedule that opens with four road games against North Dakota State, Georgetown, Penn and Stony Brook.

The Leopards have four quarterbacks in camp, but it looks as if senior Ryan O'Neil will get the nod. O'Neil completed 66.8 percent of his passes for 2,183 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. Junior Andrew Shoop is an intriguing option if O'Neil gets off to a slow start.

Wide receiver Mitchell Bennett will return for a fifth season after missing much of 2010 with a foot injury. Because receiver Mark Layton has graduated, the Leopards will look to seniors Greg Stripe, Kyle Hayes and Nathan Padia to make plays in the open field.

The good news is Lafayette lost only 11 players to graduation, so experience will be an asset.

Experience will also be the key at **Bucknell**, which returns 16 starters. All-Patriot fullback Travis Friend and quarterback Brandon Wesley stand out on offense, while linemen Josh Eden and Robert De La Rosa should be leaders on a questionable defense.

In 2010, the Bison scored 151 points but allowed 310 while finishing 1-10. If the defense gets stronger, wins in league play could come a bit more often.

Fordham finished a respectable 5-6 last season and will add an impressive crop of 23 newcomers for 2011. This recruiting class will be the second to receive athletic scholarships for a Rams program that hasn't given football aid since 1954.

Because Fordham elected to give tuition awards, it is no longer eligible to play for the Patriot League title. However, the Rams will be eligible for an at-large bid to the FCS playoffs.

One of the biggest questions for the Rams is at wide receiver, where they lost their top three pass catchers from last season in Jason Caldwell, Stephen Skelton and David Moore. Junior Nick Talbert and senior Aaron Mays will be vying for playing time there, along with Andrew Spanarkel, the son of the former Duke All-America guard and NBA veteran Jim Spanarkel.

PIONEER

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Led by McGregor, Dolphins look to make repeat splash

By Steve Silverman
Correspondent

The Pioneer Football League saw the emergence of two outstanding teams last year in Dayton and Jacksonville. Both squads finished at 10-1 overall and 8-0 in conference play. And since the PFL doesn't get an automatic bid to the FCS playoffs, the two teams ended their seasons with nine-game winning streaks.

While Jacksonville and Dayton didn't meet in what would have been a championship showdown, the scoreboard likely would have been busy. Both teams featured high-powered offenses, as Jacksonville averaged 42.2 points and 486.3 yards per game, while Dayton was close behind at 35.5 and 380.5.

While the Dolphins have many of their top players returning in 2011, Dayton QB Steve Valentino has graduated, which will make it challenging for the Flyers to remain at the top of the conference.

Jacksonville (10-1 overall, 8-0 PFL) will look for senior quarterback Josh McGregor to have another great season. McGregor was the top QB in the PFL last year, completing 205 of 326 passes for 3,049 yards with 32 touchdowns and just seven interceptions. McGregor's top target, Josh Philpart (48 passes, 800 yards, 12 TDs), is also back. Philpart is one of the leading big-play receivers in the league and should be even more explosive this year.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Dolphins will miss lineman Bradley Burns,

who contributed eight sacks last year. Rolando Fines recorded five sacks in 2010 and will try to make up for the difference.

Drake (7-4, 6-2) will provide the top challenge to the Dolphins in 2011. The Bulldogs will hitch their star to quarterback Mike Piatkowski in order to climb the ladder in the PFL. Piatkowski is coming off a solid year in which he completed 161 of 278 passes for 1,854 yards with 15 touchdowns and seven interceptions. While Piatkowski loses wideout Steve Platek, Drew Blackmon (41 passes, 535 yards, 5 TDs) has the potential to be a game-changing receiver.

Linebacker Tyler Moorehead will key an active Drake defense that was second in the league last season (20.5 points per game). Morehead had 73 tackles in 2010 and seems to always be near the ball. Senior defensive tackle John Sawhill had nine tackles for loss and can cause problems in the backfield.

Dayton (10-1, 8-0) will have to overcome the loss of QB Steve Valentino if it wants to contend for the league championship once again. Valentino dominated as a passer and runner, meaning Flyers coach Rick Chamberlin must retool much of his offense. Junior running back Taylor Harris has a chance to become a star after rushing for 343 yards and an eye-opening 13 touchdowns a year ago. Harris has the speed to break big plays, and can also deliver a big hit.

Receiver Justin Watkins returns after catching 48 passes for 777 yards and three touchdowns last year. Sophomore cornerback Kyle Sebetis is expected to play a key role on defense after registering 51 tackles in 2010.

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE ➤ Josh McGregor, QB, Jacksonville

DEFENSE ➤ Jordan Ridley, LB, Butler

NEWCOMER ➤ Chris Brown, WR, Campbell

PREDICTIONS

- 1 ➤ Jacksonville
- 2 ➤ Drake
- 3 ➤ Dayton
- 4 ➤ San Diego
- 5 ➤ Morehead State
- 6 ➤ Davidson
- 7 ➤ Butler
- 8 ➤ Campbell
- 9 ➤ Marist
- 10 ➤ Valparaiso

GAME TO WATCH

10/8/11

Dayton at Jacksonville

This would have been the championship game in the PFL last year—except that it wasn't on the schedule. This season, it will be tougher for Dayton to contend without QB Steve Valentino, but look for the Flyers to still have plenty of fight.

San Diego (5-6, 5-3) will attempt to become a contender in the Pioneer behind the improved play of junior quarterback Mason Mills. Last year, Mills completed 195 of 290 passes for 2,160 yards with 18 touchdowns and eight interceptions.

The Toreros should get a lift in their return game with Sam Hoekstra back for his sophomore season. Hoekstra was fourth in the conference in punt returns and third in kick returns last year.

Morehead State (5-6, 4-4) has a chance to improve this season if it can do a better job on the defensive side of the ball. The Eagles were eighth in the league in total defense last season, and their productive offense wasn't able to overcome that deficiency.

Quarterback Zach Lewis (2,898 yards, 15 TDs) has a chance to be a star in the league. If he can cut down on last year's 13 interceptions, the Eagles could be explosive. Running back Desmond Cox will try to build on his 448 yards from a year ago.

Davidson (3-8, 3-5) will go as far as sophomore quarterback Jonathan Carkhuff takes it. As a freshman, Carkhuff passed for 2,002 yards with 12 touchdowns and nine interceptions. His

top receiver should be junior Lanny Funsten, who caught 47 passes for 685 yards and six touchdowns in 2010.

Butler (4-7, 2-6) had the No. 1 scoring defense in the conference last year at 19.2 points allowed per game, but never got anything going on offense. The defensive unit features linebacker Jordan Ridley, who led the PFL with 130 tackles in 2010.

Campbell (3-8, 2-6) will depend on its running attack once again in 2011. The Camels had three of the six leading running backs in the Pioneer last year, with two of them (Rashaun Brown and Carl Smith) returning. Brown rushed for 673 yards in 2010, while Smith added 502 yards.

Marist (3-8, 2-6) will likely sit at the back of the Pioneer pack once again this year. Quarterback Tommy Reilly will look to improve the Red Foxes in 2011, as he threw for 15 TDs with eight interceptions a year ago.

Valparaiso (0-11, 0-8) had a season to forget in 2010 and has now won just one game in the last two years. In order for the Crusaders to climb the ladder in the Pioneer standings, quarterback Nate Goergen (4 TDs, 5 INTs) will have to boost his numbers.



SOUTHERN

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Presley poised to keep Mountaineers atop SoCon

By Matt McKenzie
Sporting News

Appalachian State has enjoyed a solid run of success in the last several years, mainly due to outstanding performances by former quarterbacks Richie Williams and Armanti Edwards.

Now, DeAndre Presley is ready to make his mark as the next great Mountaineers QB. And while he says the goal is another conference title (followed by a national championship), Presley stresses he's just one player on what he calls "a really good team."

"I feel like, as a quarterback, more of my job is to help us win, however it may be," Presley says. "I'm not putting any more pressure on myself than need be. I'm not throwing to myself, or catching the ball. All my teammates are stepping up because that's how we win—as a team."

Presley combined for more than 3,600 yards last season, with 34 total touchdowns. The senior finished second in voting for the Walter Payton Award (given to the top offensive player in the FCS), and is a front-runner for the honor this season.

For Appalachian State to continue a run that has seen the team share or outright win six straight conference crowns, it will have to fend off strong challenges by Georgia Southern and Wofford. It was the Eagles who broke the Mountaineers' 26-game winning streak in the SoCon and followed that up with a surprising run to the FCS semifinals, while Wofford shared the conference title with ASU last year and has now made the postseason in three of the last four seasons.

"It's definitely going to

take everybody being on one accord," Presley says. "When we've lost, it's because we lost focus. But when we're focused, we demolish teams at times. And it's hard to stay focused and laser-like sharp all season, but it's something we have to do, especially in a conference tough as ours."

This season will see two new coaches join the SoCon fray, as Bruce Fowler replaces Bobby Lamb at Furman and Jason Swepson takes over at Elon for Pete Lembo, who left to become the head coach at Ball State.

Winning Southern Conference championships has come to be expected with **Appalachian State** (10-3 overall, 7-1 Southern) football in the last decade, but Jerry Moore faces a tough task as he enters his 23rd year as coach of the Mountaineers. He must replace nine starters from last year's team, including key components on both lines.

However, the good news lies in the return of FCS All-American QB DeAndre Presley. Like the two ASU quarterbacks before him, Presley causes nightmares for opposing defensive coordinators, as he poses just as much of a threat on the ground as he does through the air.

While leading receiver Brian Quick (844 yards, 9 TDs) and red-zone target tight end Ben Jorden are back, ASU must find replacements for starting wideouts CoCo Hillary and Matt Cline. The Mountaineers' rushing game looks to be solid despite the loss of Devon Moore (10 TDs), as Travaris Cadet is back after leading all ASU tailbacks with 671 yards last year.

Switching from a 4-3 to a 3-4 scheme this year, the Mountaineers will also look for new leadership on defense with the

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE ➤ DeAndre Presley, QB, Appalachian State

DEFENSE ➤ Ameet Pall, DE, Wofford

NEWCOMER ➤ Sean Stackhouse, TE, Chattanooga

PREDICTIONS

- 1 ➤ Appalachian State
- 2 ➤ Georgia Southern
- 3 ➤ Wofford
- 4 ➤ Chattanooga
- 5 ➤ Furman
- 6 ➤ Elon
- 7 ➤ Samford
- 8 ➤ The Citadel
- 9 ➤ Western Carolina

GAME TO WATCH

10/29/11 Georgia Southern at Appalachian State

One of the conference's best rivalries, this game could decide the SoCon winner in 2011. The Mountaineers will be out for revenge after having their 26-game conference winning streak snapped a year ago in Statesboro, as the Eagles came away victorious in overtime.

loss of three All-Americans in defensive end Jabari Fletcher, linebacker D.J. Smith and safety Mark LeGree. They will, however, retain the services of end Lanston Tanyi, who redshirted last season after undergoing toe surgery. Tanyi had 7.5 sacks in 2009.

Although Smith was the leading tackler in 2010, the next two on that list, linebackers Justin Wray and Brandon Grier, are back. All-SoCon second-team pick Ed Gainey returns to patrol the defensive backfield, and junior Troy Sanders had an impressive spring while transitioning from cornerback to take over LeGree's spot at strong safety.

Nearly a decade removed from being a perennial national title contender,

Georgia Southern (10-5, 5-3) looks to be back on the right track, as the Eagles enjoyed their first 10-win season since 2002. The team made a surprise run to the FCS semifinals in Jeff Monken's first year as coach before falling to Delaware.

Monken reestablished the triple-option offense last season with QB Jaybo Shaw (the two were together at Georgia Tech from 2008-09) leading the way, as the senior had 21 total TDs (16 rushing) along with more than 1,700 combined yards. The Eagles' entire

starting offense, which features fullback Robert Brown (1,004 yards, 7 TDs) and slotback J.J. Wilcox (484, 6), returns.

Georgia Southern also picked up additional firepower for its ground attack in fullback Martez Eastland, a transfer from Ole Miss. However, the sophomore was suspended for a violation of team rules in March and his status on the team was unclear at press time.

The Eagles return all but one starter on defense, including all-conference performers in defensive linemen Brent Russell and Roderick Tinsley, linebacker Josh Rowe and cornerback Laron Scott (who also paced the SoCon with 1,161 return yards).

Wofford (10-3, 7-1) is returning a star All-American on both sides of the ball, but will have to overcome some offseason turmoil in order to claim another SoCon title (the Terriers shared the crown with Appalachian State last year). Five players have been dismissed from the program since February, including starting safety Jamar Reaves.

Once again, the offense will be centered around dynamic running back Eric Breitenstein, who led all SoCon rushers and finished fifth overall in the FCS with 1,639 yards last season.

Senior quarterback Mitch Allen will again captain Wofford's triple-option attack. Brenton Bersin also returns at wideout after recording 703 receiving yards and nine scores in 2010.

Leading the returnees on defense is end Ameet Pall, who finished tied for second in the 2010 Buck Buchanan Award voting (given to the top defensive player in FCS).

Pall will be joined on the line by senior Eric Eberhardt (10 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks), while junior Blake Wylie (51 tackles, two INTs) will patrol the secondary.

Chattanooga (6-5, 5-3) put an unexpected scare into Appalachian State during last year's season opener, losing by one point after a failed two-point conversion in the last minute. The Mocs continued to have a solid campaign, managing their first winning season since 2005. Now the goal for coach Russ Huesman is to become a contender in the SoCon.

Quarterback B.J. Coleman will again play a huge role in the Mocs' fate, as the senior compiled 26 touchdowns and nearly 3,000 passing yards last season. More than a third of those yards went to wideout Joel Bradford, who had a conference-leading 1,284 along with eight touchdowns.

Juniors J.J. Jackson and Chris Awuah were battling in the spring for the starting running back slot, while Sean Stackhouse looks to be the tight end after transferring from Kentucky.

Senior end Chris Donald, who finished fifth in the conference with 7.5 sacks, missed spring ball due to a wrist injury but should be fine by the season opener. Also back for the Mocs' defense are linebacker Ryan Consiglio (110 tackles) and defensive tackle Nick Davison. Chattanooga's coaching staff is high on sophomore Kadeem Wise, who was the league's Freshman of the Year in 2010.

Furman (5-6, 3-5) started last season strong with wins in four of its first six games, but the Paladins closed with

losses in four of their last five contests, signaling the end of Bobby Lamb's nine-year tenure. Bruce Fowler, a former player and assistant coach for the Paladins, takes over after spending the last nine seasons as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator for Vanderbilt.

Fowler has no shortage of returnees, with 17 starters back from last season. However, there's an intriguing battle at quarterback, with senior Chris Forcier and junior Dakota Derrick vying for the spot. Forcier, a transfer from UCLA, suffered a season-ending shoulder injury in Furman's second game last year, while Derrick emerged as the starter late in the season. Derrick outplayed Forcier in the Paladins' spring game and looked to be the leader heading into the fall.

Despite the loss of All-SoCon wideout Adam Mims, Furman looks to be stocked with offensive weapons, including its top two rushers from last season, Jerodis Williams (6 TDs) and Tersoo Uhah (7), plus tight end Colin Anderson and receivers Sederrick Cunningham and Tyler Maples.

Furman's defense should be a strong point this year with nine returning starters led by All-America linebacker Kadarron Anderson (121 tackles) and cornerback Ryan Steed.

Pete Lembo came to **Elon** (6-5, 5-3) in 2006 and made the program a contender in the Southern, guiding the Phoenix to four consecutive winning seasons and a playoff appearance in 2009. With Lembo taking the head-coaching position at Ball State in the offseason, though, the challenge now falls to Jason Swepson to keep Elon competitive.

The first challenge for Swepson, formerly an assistant at Boston College and N.C. State, is to find a replacement for FCS All-American QB Scott Riddle, the school's all-time leader in nearly every passing category. Junior Thomas Wilson worked primarily with the first team during Elon's

spring scrimmages and has the inside track on becoming the 2011 starter.

If Wilson wins the job, he'll have a security blanket in junior receiver Aaron Mellette, who led the Southern last year in receptions (86) and receiving TDs (12) while adding 1,100 yards.

Among defensive returnees, Elon's linebacking unit has the most experience, led by Joshua Jones (74 tackles), while last year's young secondary featuring Blake Thompson (4 INTs) and Chandler Wrightenberry (3) should be better.

Samford (4-7, 2-6) has failed to successfully follow up its inaugural SoCon campaign in 2008, when the Bulldogs were 6-5 overall and finished fourth in the conference. Consecutive losing seasons and just five conference wins in the last two years seemingly signaled that a change was needed.

Enter new offensive coordinator Rhett Lashlee, a 28-year-old who has spent the last two years as a graduate assistant under Gene Chizik at Auburn. The former Arkansas QB's first task will be working with Samford signal-caller Dustin Taliaferro, who was the 2008 SoCon Freshman of the Year but threw just five touchdowns last season while adding nine picks.

One major hole that will need to be filled is at running back, where All-SoCon pick Chris Evans cemented his legacy at Samford as the school's all-time leading rusher. Expect someone from the trio of Noah Wilson, Fabian Truss and Jonathan Sillers to emerge.

End Alex Davis (10 tackles for loss, 7 sacks) anchors the line, while junior linebacker Dariion Sutton (4.5 sacks) also returns for the Bulldogs.

Year 1 of **The Citadel's** (3-8, 1-7) new triple-option offense didn't prove to be much of a success, as the Bulldogs suffered some unexpected roster turnover before the season and were able to muster just 14.9 points a game. However, a season-ending 13-12 victory over

Samford and the return of 18 starters give coach Kevin Higgins some hope in his seventh campaign.

Quarterbacks Matt Thompson and Ben Dupree were thrown into the fire as freshmen last year, with neither posting impressive results. The two battled for the starting job during the spring, but a clear-cut starter has yet to be determined. Senior Terrell Dallas returns at tailback after being named a second-team All-SoCon pick last season.

Linebackers Tolu Akindele and Rod Harland are the top two defensive returnees for the Bulldogs, while tackle Derek Douglas looks to improve on a solid freshman campaign.

With just a 7-27 overall record, coach Dennis Wagner hasn't been able to right the ship at **Western Carolina** (2-9, 1-7) in his three years on the Cullowhee, N.C., campus. So Wagner will now be calling the plays as the Catamounts transition to the Pistol offense that has been successful of late at Nevada.

In making the move to the new scheme, Wagner also went out and recruited a couple of quarterbacks who ran the Pistol in high school: Jawan Simmons and Petey Boone. When they arrive on campus in the fall, there could be an open competition that would also feature returnees Zac Brindise (a South Carolina transfer) and Brandon Pechloff, who combined for just 10 TDs against 16 interceptions last season.

Whoever wins the QB job will have a solid target in wideout Deja Alexander, a SoCon All-Freshman pick in 2010.

Along with a new offense, WCU could use a change on the other side of the ball as well, as the Catamounts allowed 50 touchdowns and 34.5 points a game in 2010, both conference worsts. Senior cornerback Terez Jones led the Southern in interceptions last year with seven, but needs help from the rest of his unit.



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In a season of Texas-sized hellos and goodbyes, crazy neighbor from Arkansas has upper hand

By Scott Rabalais
The (Baton Rouge, La.) Advocate

The 2011 season in the Southland Conference will be about welcoming back old friends, saying goodbye to others and throwing a blanket over the rest of the teams that will try to finish first among relative equals. In 2010, Lamar fielded its first football team since 1989, but as an independent. Now the Cardinals are back and eligible for SLC play.

As the Cards return, Texas State exits stage left, with the Bobcats joining the WAC in the Football Bowl Subdivision after this season, which still finds them in the Southland but ineligible for the title.

Some thought it was an April Fool's joke when **Central Arkansas** (7-4 overall, 4-3 SLC) announced it was installing purple-and-gray turf at Estes Stadium, which it did. But what isn't a joke is a Bears team that has what it takes to win the conference this year. It starts with quarterback Nathan Dick, who threw for 2,589 yards and 12 touchdowns last season, and All-SLC running back Terence Bobo (436 yards, 9 TDs). All-SLC safety Jfestin Love will lead the defense's strongest unit: the secondary.

McNeese State (6-5, 5-2) always seems to be an SLC contender. Once again, the Cowboys have championship-caliber skill returning with six All-SLC performers. The running back position is stocked with All-SLC senior Andre Anderson, Champlain Babin and the return of Javaris

Murray from a knee injury. Also back is sophomore Cody Stroud, a dual-threat quarterback. Defensively, the only departed starter is safety Devin Holland. All-SLC senior Desmund Lighten moves from tackle to end, while another all-conference pick, kicker Josh Lewis, returns.

Stephen F. Austin (9-3, 6-1) had only a few losses on offense, but they were critical ones. Walter Payton Award-winning quarterback Jeremy Moses is gone, as is offensive coordinator Shannon Dawson, now at West Virginia. Mike Nesbitt will replace Dawson but retain his predecessor's system. The new quarterback will likely be either senior Dalton Williams or sophomore Brady Attaway. They'll throw to All-America receivers Grayln Crawford and Cordell Roberson. All-SLC cornerback Josh Aubrey anchors the defense, and All-SLC punter Drew Nelson returns on special teams.

It was still a losing season for **Northwestern State** (5-6, 4-3), but considering the Demons went 0-11 in 2009, a 2010 campaign as a conference title contender felt so much better. This year, the Demons will want the real thing and may get it with nine returning starters on offense—led by junior quarterback Paul Harris—and a loaded defensive back seven that includes standout juniors Jamaal White at safety and Derek Rose at linebacker. The big concern is a rebuilt line.

A strong finish in 2010 and 22 returning starters have **Sam Houston State** (6-5, 4-3) poised to be a dark-horse contender for its first SLC crown since 2004. The major players are back from an offense that averaged 26.8 points and 336 yards per game, led by All-SLC running

TOP PLAYERS

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| OFFENSE | ► Nathan Dick, QB, Central Arkansas |
| DEFENSE | ► Derek Rose, LB, Northwestern State |
| NEWCOMER | ► Jeremy Johnson, QB, Lamar |

PREDICTIONS

- 1 ► Central Arkansas
- 2 ► McNeese State
- 3 ► Stephen F. Austin
- 4 ► Northwestern State
- 5 ► Sam Houston State
- 6 ► Southeastern Louisiana
- 7 ► Nicholls State
- 8 ► Lamar
- 9 ► Texas State*

*ineligible for conference title

back Tim Flanders (948 rushing yards, 13 TDs) and quarterback Brian Bell (1,381 passing yards, 7 TDs). He'll be throwing to Seth Patterson (35 catches, 370 yards, 3 TDs). All-conference free safety Kenneth Jenkins returns to aid the defense.

Southeastern Louisiana (2-9, 1-6) is coming off a season that was more frustrating than dismal. The Lions lost six games by no more than a touchdown, and four by three or fewer points. The key to more wins will be identifying a quarterback. Junior Brian Young threw for 1,012 yards and four touchdowns in six games, but will compete this fall with redshirt freshman Jordan Barnett and incoming freshman Brian Ensminger. They will throw to Simmie Yarborough (60 catches, 709 yards, 9 TDs), who's an All-America candidate at receiver.

At **Nicholls State** (4-7, 3-4), improvement is the only expectation under second-year coach Charlie Stubbs. The Colonels return 49 lettermen, including honorable mention All-SLC quarterback LaQuintin Caston and second-team All-SLC running back Jesse Turner. The defense, anchored in the secondary by all-conference cornerback Bobby Felder, has switched to a 3-4 alignment. Jordan

GAME TO WATCH

10/15/11
McNeese State at Central Arkansas

The new purple-and-gray turf at Estes Stadium will be the site of a midseason showdown that will have the winner in the Southland Conference driver's seat and the loser hoping to snag an at-large bid to the FCS playoffs.

Piper returns at linebacker after totaling 52 tackles in just eight games.

As a second-year program, **Lamar** (5-6, 1-3) brings back all but one starter and 65 of 71 letterwinners. That's the good news. The bad: They're the same players who lost 71-3 at Stephen F. Austin. Andre Bevil threw for a school-record 429 yards at McNeese, got hurt, moved to receiver and was back at QB in the spring. But he'll have to fight off West Virginia transfer Jeremy Johnson, a talent who impressed in the spring game.

Excitement abounds at **Texas State** (4-7), where the countdown to its WAC debut in 2012 has already started. New coach Dennis Franchione, the former head man at Alabama, Texas A&M and TCU, has energized a program that has seen its stadium capacity expand to 30,000.

Quarterback Tyler Arndt is back after playing just seven games in 2010 because of a torn ACL, so it's All-America guard D.J. Hall's job to keep him upright. Franchione will employ a spread offense and a 4-2-5 defense. Few players will have to learn the new system on defense, as the only returning starter in the secondary is All-SLC cornerback Darryl Morris.

Continuity should count for 'Cats in league with five coaching changes

By Lut Williams
Black College Sports Page

The MEAC swells to 11 teams this year with the addition of North Carolina Central and Savannah State. Also, five new coaches will patrol the sidelines a year after Bethune-Cookman's Brian Jenkins turned the league on its ear.

Jenkins took over at Bethune-Cookman in 2010 and led the Wildcats to a share of the regular-season title with South Carolina State and Florida A&M.

Before Jenkins arrived, the Wildcats were picked to finish eighth in the league. But with Jenkins at the helm, they won their first 10 games.

In 2011, Bethune-Cookman will be the team to beat, with stiff challenges expected from S.C. State and Florida A&M.

New coaches have arrived at North Carolina Central (Henry Frazier III), Savannah State (Steve Davenport), North Carolina A&T (Rod Broadway), Howard (Gary Harrell) and Delaware State (Kermit Blount).

Bethune-Cookman (10-1 overall, 7-1 MEAC) was a step ahead of its league foes last season, but a repeat hinges on the new quarterback, which could be either Jackie Wilson, who started last year's playoff game against New Hampshire, or newcomer David Blackwell.

All-MEAC selections Natiel Curry and Alex Monroe will lead an offensive line that will open holes for running backs Isidore Jackson, Andronicus Lovette and Rodney Scott, a transfer from Ole Miss.

The defense returns All-MEAC linebackers Ryan Lewis and Reggie Sandilands.

Buddy Pough's league-best defense at **South Carolina State** (9-2, 7-1) corralled everyone but Bethune-Cookman en route to gaining a share of its third straight MEAC title in 2010. That unit will be strong again with end Patrick Washington, linebacker Donovan Richard and defensive back Dominique Ellis returning.

Quarterback Derrick Wiley is expected to take over the offense, while tight end Antwanne Kerr and kicker Blake Erickson were All-MEAC performers in 2010.

Austin Trainor started the final three games at quarterback last year for **Florida A&M** (8-3, 7-1), including the win over Bethune-Cookman that earned the Rattlers a share of the conference title. Memphis transfer Tyler Bass will now challenge Trainor, as Eddie Rocker and James Owens battle at tailback.

Nose guard Padric Scott and ends Nicolas Hollinghead and Jerry Willis fortify the defense.

Quarterback Chris Walley broke the school record for completion percentage (61.4) and tailback DeAngelo Branche led the league in rushing (1,330 yards), but **Norfolk State** (6-5, 4-4) still had difficulty scoring points last season. Walley will compete with UCF transfer Nico Flores for control of the offense. Colorado State transfer Marvin Ford joins Takeem Hedgeman in the backfield.

Nose guard Josh Turner anchors a unit that finished sixth in the FCS in total defense a year ago.

Hampton's (6-5, 5-3) defense gave up just 18.4 points per game last season. However, the Pirates will be without tacklers Kenrick Ellis and Brandon Peguese. Linebackers Julio Sanchez and Delbert Tyler and cornerback Micah Pellerin are

TOP PLAYERS

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| OFFENSE | ► Mike Mayhew, RB, North Carolina A&T |
| DEFENSE | ► Ryan Lewis, LB, Bethune-Cookman |
| NEWCOMER | ► Rodney Scott, RB, Bethune-Cookman |

PREDICTIONS

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| 1 ► | Bethune-Cookman |
| 2 ► | South Carolina State |
| 3 ► | Florida A&M |
| 4 ► | Norfolk State |
| 5 ► | Hampton |
| 6 ► | Morgan State |
| 7 ► | North Carolina Central |
| 8 ► | North Carolina A&T |
| 9 ► | Delaware State |
| 10 ► | Howard |
| 11 ► | Savannah State |

GAME TO WATCH

9/10/11 South Carolina State at Bethune-Cookman

Bethune-Cookman halted South Carolina State's 21-game MEAC win streak with a 14-0 victory in Orangeburg last season. It was also the Bulldogs' first home shutout against a league foe in 38 years, so they'll be out for revenge.

season with a knee injury.

D'Vonte Graham and Justin Ferrell are All-MEAC returnees on defense.

Kermit Blount was announced as **Delaware State's** (3-8, 2-6) new coach on Feb. 4, which was too late to land a bevy of recruits. He'll work with school rushing leader Jaashawn Jones, who should be healthy by the season opener after having offseason surgery.

Nose guard Ernest Robinson, end Olusegan Ayanbiola and linebacker Brandon Harvey will aid the defense.

Former **Howard** (1-10, 0-8) receiver Gary "The Flea" Harrell takes over at his alma mater and has hired fellow alumni in former QB Ted White (offensive coordinator) and former head coach Ray Petty (defensive coordinator). Receiver Willie Carter, linebacker Keith Pough and defensive end Sackie Kerku-lah are the top returnees.

Underclassmen were key contributors for **Savannah State** (1-10) last season, especially Antonio Bostick and A.J. Defilippis, who should be improved at quarterback. Sheldon Barnes is strong in the backfield.

Nine of the Tigers' top 10 tacklers return, including Darren Hunter and Chris Asbury.

Coaching carousel puts title up for grabs

By Lut Williams
Black College Sports Page

The team that will rise atop the Southwestern Athletic Conference this season is anyone's guess, as some of the league's most decorated coaches have left their respective programs.

In early April, 2010 SWAC champion Texas Southern abruptly dismissed coach Johnnie Cole in the midst of an NCAA investigation. Cole led the Tigers to their first SWAC title in 42 years after just three seasons at the helm. Defensive coordinator Kevin Ramsey, who piloted the league's top defense, is the interim head coach.

Henry Frazier leaves a Prairie View A&M team that, in 2009, won its first conference title since 1964. Frazier resigned after seven seasons to become the new head man at North Carolina Central. Longtime defensive assistant Heishma Northern now takes the Panthers' reins.

Rod Broadway coached Grambling State to the 2008 conference championship but departed for North Carolina A&T at the end of the 2010 season. That move paved the way for Doug Williams to return for his second stint as head coach of his alma mater. Williams won three consecutive SWAC titles (2000-02) his first time around with the Tigers.

Earnest Collins departed Alcorn State after two years to take over at Northern Colorado. With the Braves' subsequent hiring of Alcorn alumnus and former Grambling head coach Melvin Spears, four new head coaches join the SWAC fold this season.

Eastern Division

Quarterback Casey Therriault is the reason **Jackson State** (8-3, 6-3) is pegged as the favorite in the SWAC East. Last season, Therriault threw for 3,436 yards and 31 touchdowns with just eight interceptions while leading the league's top offense (412.6 yards per game).

Therriault has All-SWAC receivers in wideout Marcellos Wilder (57 receptions, 8 TDs) and tight end Renty Rollins.

Coach Reggie Barlow believes **Alabama State** (7-5, 6-3) is ahead of schedule after his young squad won the SWAC East and earned a spot in the championship game in 2010. Quarterback Devin Dominguez (1,536 yards, 19 TDs, 15 INTs) returns and has outstanding receivers to throw to in Nick Andrews (48 catches, 7 TDs) and T.C. McWilliams (40, 8).

The defense gave up a stingy 18.6 points per game last season, second best in the league, and features safety Kejuan Riley and lineman Kynjee Cotton.

Quarterback Brandon Bridge (2,687 all-purpose yards, 27 total TDs) was so impressive as a freshman that new **Alcorn State** (5-6, 4-5) coach Melvin Spears is comparing him to some of the best ever in the SWAC. Others say his talent resembles 2010 Heisman Trophy winner Cam Newton. Bridge will have to be that good to end a 17-year championship drought for the Braves. Gabriel Nash returns to lead a strong stable of running backs.

The **Alabama A&M** (3-8, 2-7) defense will once again have to carry the Bulldogs, as pass-rushing ends Dee Lett and Willie Fuller (6 sacks) and safety Vernon Marshall (77 tackles) return to make most of the big plays.

TOP PLAYERS

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| OFFENSE | ► Casey Therriault, QB, Jackson State |
| DEFENSE | ► Jer-ryan Harris, LB, Arkansas-Pine Bluff |
| NEWCOMER | ► Montarius Smith, WR, Alabama A&M |

PREDICTIONS

EASTERN

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| 1 ► | Jackson State |
| 2 ► | Alabama State |
| 3 ► | Alcorn State |
| 4 ► | Alabama A&M |
| 5 ► | Mississippi Valley State |

WESTERN

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| 1 ► | Texas Southern |
| 2 ► | Grambling State |
| 3 ► | Prairie View A&M |
| 4 ► | Arkansas-Pine Bluff |
| 5 ► | Southern |

GAME TO WATCH

9/24/11
Alabama State at Jackson State

These two ruled the SWAC East and topped the overall conference standings last season.

touchdowns. Anthony Carruthers returns at quarterback but may face a challenge from Williams' son, D.J. Williams.

The defensive front seven is solid with All-SWAC linebacker Cliff Exama and lineman Jomarcus Savage.

In seven years at **Prairie View A&M** (7-4, 6-3), Henry Frazier turned the Panthers from pretenders to contenders. Now it's Heishma Northern's task to keep the momentum going. Northern lost 21 seniors and has to restock at the skill positions. Former Bethune-Cookman coordinator Mark Orlando was hired to run Northern's spread offense.

Arkansas-Pine Bluff (5-6, 4-5) will rely on its ground game, as running backs Justin Billings (388 yards, 3 TDs) and Adrian Moore (328, 5) return. Ballhawking linebacker Jerry Harris, who earned 2010 Freshman-of-the-Year honors after leading the SWAC with 129 tackles, joins ends Brandon Thurmond and Michael Johnson and cornerbacks Joseph Brown and James Harrell on a stout defense.

Coach Stump Mitchell spent his first year at **Southern** (2-9, 1-8) focusing on academic issues. Still, the young Jags were competitive in most games last season, even if the wins were few. Quarterback Dray Joseph returns after playing in 10 games as a freshman. Kicker William Griswold is a bright spot, having made All-SWAC as a freshman.



Georgia State

In its inaugural 2010 campaign, Georgia State managed a 6-5 record despite the bad taste left by a season-ending 63-7 thrashing from Alabama. Though the Panthers will be more experienced this time around, they may struggle early as starting quarterback Drew Little (6-5, 245 pounds) will miss the first four games while serving a suspension for a violation of team rules.

What's more, backup QB Star Jackson left the team, leaving inexperienced sophomore Kelton Hill (6-0, 183) as the likely starter against the Panthers' toughest opponents—FCS Old Dominion Sept. 10 and FBS Houston Sept. 24.

Coach Bill Curry will also have to shore up a running attack that rushed for only 1,356 yards a year ago. The best of the returnees is sophomore Travis Evans, who carried the ball 79 times for 382 yards in 2010.

The receiving corps is more solid, as 6-4, 190-pound redshirt sophomore Danny Williams spearheads a unit that totaled 133 catches for 1,674 yards and 13 touchdowns last year.

The defense will be led by 6-1, 243-pound outside linebacker Jake Muasau and older brother Louie (6-0, 248), a fifth-year senior who returns at inside linebacker. The duo combined for 83 total tackles and four sacks last season.

If they can tread water

during Little's absence, the Panthers could put together another winning season as an FCS independent before moving to the Colonial Athletic Association in 2012.

South Alabama

Coach Joey Jones' South Alabama Jaguars have gone undefeated the last two seasons, posting 7-0 and 10-0 records, respectively. But with the competition in 2011 getting tougher, can the Jags continue to dominate at such a pace?

Gone are the days of playing a schedule loaded with NAIA patsies such as Pikeville (56-0) and Edward Waters (64-0). Now, as the Jags begin a two-year transition that will see them move to the Sun Belt Conference in 2013, the stakes are raised this year against a tougher slate that features FBS teams such as N.C. State (Sept. 17) and Kent State (Sept. 24).

Coming out of spring practice, 6-0, 200-pound sophomore C.J. Bennett appeared to have secured the starting quarterback spot from 6-2, 220-pound redshirt sophomore Myles Gibbons.

Regardless of who starts under center, look for him to hand the ball off early and often to running back Demetre Baker, a 6-1, 210-pound transfer from Georgia. Baker sat out his freshman season with the Bulldogs and has four years of eligibility remaining.

On defense, expect an

INDEPENDENTS

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE ▶ Travis Evans, RB, Georgia State

DEFENSE ▶ Enrique Williams, LB, South Alabama

NEWCOMER ▶ Eric Soza, QB, Texas-San Antonio

improving Enrique Williams to shine at linebacker in 2011. The 6-0, 220-pound redshirt sophomore, who grew up minutes from the USA campus in Mobile, recorded just 24 total tackles in seven games in 2009 but became the team's leading tackler with 48 last season. Virginia Tech transfer Jake Johnson (6-1, 225), junior Josh Chestang (5-11, 215) and red-shirt sophomore Bryson James (6-2, 210) are also potential impact players at linebacker.

Texas-San Antonio

Coach Larry Coker isn't drawing any comparisons between his new job, UTSA, and his old one at Miami (Fla.), where he won the 2001 national championship. But San Antonio is, after all, the sixth-largest city in the country within a state that produces a plethora of blue-chip prospects.

So there are other possibilities.

"I want to be like South Florida," Coker says. "We're trying to emulate them because they were a start-up team that ended up as one of the best programs in the country last year. We could be that and better."

Similar to his time with the Hurricanes in Coral Gables, however, Coker hopes to air it out during UTSA's debut season. And he thinks he has the quarterback and receiving corps to do it.

The QB, Texas State transfer Eric Soza, should provide the Roadrunners with an experienced leader. He'll throw to two wideouts Coker is excited about: 6-4, 165-pound Earon Holmes and 6-1, 195-pound Jake Wanamaker.

On defense, look for 6-6,

GAME TO WATCH

09/17/11

South Alabama at N.C. State

The Jaguars have gone undefeated for two straight seasons by beating up on primarily obscure NAIA schools. But now it's time for USA to play with the big boys. If the Jags win this one, they'll prove they're ready to be a bowl-eligible team from the Sun Belt Conference.

239-pound end Marlon Smith to be the playmaker. The transfer from St. Mary's (Texas) gave up his basketball scholarship there to join the Roadrunners after deciding he'd rather play football.

The talent, however, drops off significantly after those four.

"Numbers is a huge weakness; we don't have the numbers we'd like to have," Coker says. "The thing we look for are those guys to back up. We have a good offensive line but no backups. We have a defensive line but not backups. We do have a good linebacker corps."

The UTSA program will embark on a two-year journey this season that will culminate in full membership in the FBS Western Athletic Conference in 2013. While this year's schedule includes games against FCS independents Georgia State and South Alabama, the 2013 slate is stacked with formidable FBS opponents like Oklahoma State, Arizona, Houston and Virginia.

For now, Coker and his upstart Roadrunners will have to prove themselves against the FCS likes of Southern Utah (Sept. 17), Sam Houston State (Oct. 1) and McNeese State (Nov. 12).

—Rebecca Stukes

PRESEASON TOP 25

- 1 Minnesota-Duluth
- 2 Grand Valley State
- 3 Abilene Christian
- 4 Northwest Missouri State
- 5 Delta State
- 6 Augustana
- 7 Texas A&M-Kingsville
- 8 Mercyhurst
- 9 Wayne State
- 10 Bloomsburg
- 11 St. Cloud
- 12 Colorado School of Mines
- 13 Albany State
- 14 Shepherd
- 15 Wingate
- 16 Central Missouri
- 17 California (Pa.)
- 18 Nebraska-Kearney
- 19 Hillsdale
- 20 North Alabama
- 21 Kutztown
- 22 Tusculum
- 23 West Texas A&M
- 24 Washburn
- 25 Slippery Rock

DIVISION 2 PREVIEW

While a whirlwind of change takes place off the field, look for the usual suspects at the top, led by the reigning champs from Duluth

By Gregg Dewalt, *Florence (Ala.) TimesDaily*

Bob Dylan sang about the changing times in 1964. It's the same refrain athletic directors across the country are singing these days as change is afoot in Division II.

When the season kicks off, there will be a new conference (Great American) in place, a new coach at powerhouse Northwest Missouri State, a couple of nontraditional powers seeking to build on unprecedented seasons, an empty stadium at Nebraska-Omaha and the possibility that former power North Alabama might not be long for the Division II world as officials there ponder a move to Division I.

Perhaps the most radical change comes in the Deep South, where six schools in Arkansas left the Gulf South Conference to form the Great American Conference along with three former Lone Star Conference members.

The new league consists of former GSC members Arkansas Tech, Harding, Henderson State, Ouachita Baptist, Arkansas-Monticello, Southern Arkansas, Southeastern Oklahoma, Southwestern Oklahoma and East Central Oklahoma. The latter three schools left the Lone Star, which also lost Central Oklahoma to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The defections of the Arkansas schools leave the Gulf South with only five football-playing

members, although Delta State, North Alabama and Valdosta State remain traditional national powers within the league.

Northwest Missouri State begins the post-Mel Tjeerdsma era with Scott Bostwick on the sideline. A longtime assistant to Tjeerdsma, who retired after last season and shortly after was inducted into the Division 2 Football Hall of Fame, Bostwick inherits a team that saw its streak of championship game appearances snapped at five in 2010. How far was the drop-off? The Bearcats "only" made it to the semifinals, dropping a three-point decision to eventual champ Minnesota-Duluth.

Also from the MIAA, perennial playoff contender Nebraska-Omaha is moving to Division I and, in doing so, dropping football altogether to facilitate the switch.

A couple of nontraditional powers—Kutztown and Mercyhurst of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference—put together historic seasons in 2010 and will try to keep their momentum going for a second consecutive year.

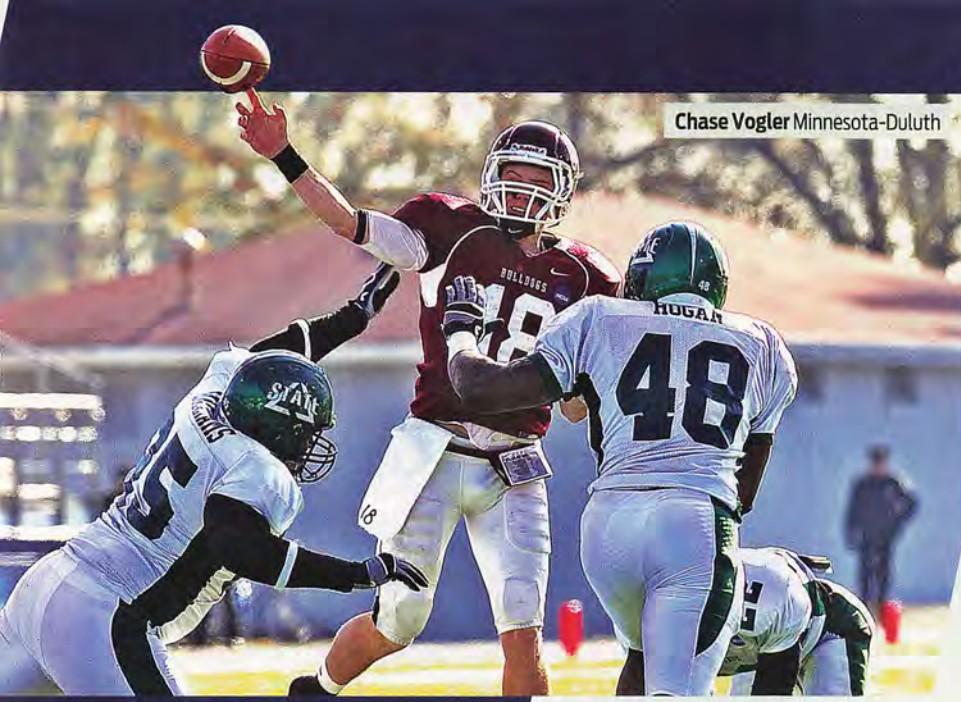
On the field, there's no reason to think **Minnesota-Duluth** (15-0) won't be able to make another run at a repeat title. Bob Nielson's team won its second title in three seasons by beating Delta State 20-17 on a last-second field goal.

The Bulldogs return 14 starters, including eight on offense. Chase Vogler, 25-1 as

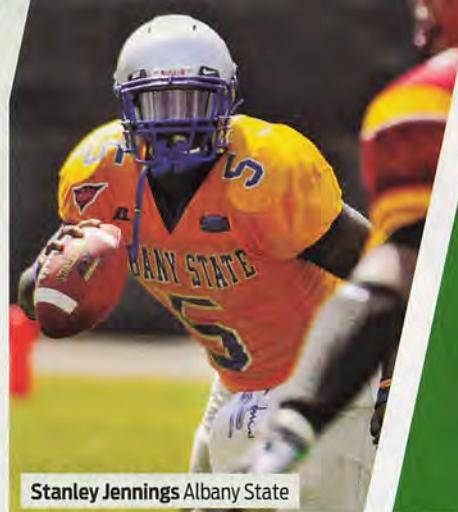
UMD's starting quarterback, will operate behind a line that possesses four All-Northern Sun North Division selections. Duluth will miss career rushing leader Isaac Odim, and the nation's best scoring defense must replace the All-America linebacker tandem of Kiel Fechtelkotter and Robbie Aurich.

Despite a sixth consecutive Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) title, **Grand Valley State** (11-2) had a down year by GVSU standards—the Lakers didn't make it out of the second round of the playoffs, losing to Augustana. For a team that annually sets up shop in Florence, Ala., for the national championship game, the early playoff exit should serve as plenty of motivation in 2011. On the field, the Lakers appear to be loaded. Danny Richard has battled ACL injuries, but is among the top defensive linemen in the country when healthy. The Lakers also add highly touted transfer Jake Aberg, who was a 1,000-yard rusher at Minnesota State.

Abilene Christian (11-1) was upset in the second round of the playoffs last year, but appears ready to make another run at its first national championship. Thanks in part to returning QB Mitchell Gale (3,595 yards, 38 TDs, 3 INTs), Abilene Christian never scored less than 31 points in a game throughout the 2010 campaign. Although the defense allowed 55 points in its playoff loss to Central Missouri, 6-2, 255-pound



Chase Vogler Minnesota-Duluth



Stanley Jennings Albany State

NFL prospect Aston Whiteside provides a big presence at end.

For the first time since 1994, Tjeerdsma will not be on the sideline when **Northwest Missouri State** (12-2) takes the field. Bostwick takes over a team that lost 17-13 to Minnesota-Duluth in the national semifinals. Bostwick has talent to work with, although Harlon Hill Trophy second-runner-up Blake Bolles has finished his career. The good news is that running back Jordan Simmons and wideout Jake Soy are among seven returning offensive starters.

Delta State (11-4) got hot at the right time and rolled into the championship game, where the Statesmen nearly upset Minnesota-Duluth before losing on a last-second field goal. With 17 returning starters, coach Ron Roberts' team is poised to make another playoff run. There are holes to fill, as the Statesmen lose defensive back Garrett Williams (130 tackles, 8 INTs), L.J. Castile (13 TD receptions) and all-purpose threat Trevar Deed, the only Gulf South Conference player to ever compile 2,000 yards rushing and receiving for a career.

Augustana (11-2) set a school record for wins in 2010 and also made its first postseason appearance since 1989. The Vikings made it to the quarterfinals before losing to league rival Minnesota-Duluth. Five all-conference picks return on defense, including Dan O'Keefe, who had six interceptions last year. Josh Hanson accumulated 27 touchdowns at quarterback (23 passing, 4 rushing) and returns to lead the offense.

Texas A&M-Kingsville (10-2) will rely on six returning All-Lone Star Conference defensive players as well as QB Nate Poppell (16 TD passes) to challenge for a league title. Jonathan Woodson has shuffled between

running back and wide receiver during his career, but finally found a home in the backfield last year. He led the team with 608 rushing yards in only five games.

It was an historic 2010 season for **Mercyhurst** (10-3), which set a school record for wins, won the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference title, beat Bloomsburg twice and won seven in a row before Shepherd ended its season in the quarterfinals of the playoffs. Coach Marty Schaetzle became the school's all-time wins leader and is in line for another good season with 10 returning starters on offense, including QB Travis Rearick and wideout Trevor Kennedy.

Wayne State (9-2) set a school record for wins last season and just missed a playoff berth. Josh Renel, who rushed for 1,249 yards and 14 touchdowns, will lead the offense, while safety Jeremy Jones is coming off a five-interception, 10 tackles-for-loss campaign.

Bloomsburg (10-3) had the most prolific running back in the country in Franklyn Quiteh, who became only the third freshman in NCAA

GAMES TO WATCH

Sept. 17 North Alabama vs. Abilene Christian (at Cowboys Stadium)

Oct. 8 Shepherd at West Virginia Wesleyan

Nov. 5 Bloomsburg at Kutztown

Nov. 12 Colorado School of Mines at Nebraska-Kearney

history to crack the 2,000-yard barrier. Quiteh, a first-team AP Little All-American, finished with 2,015 yards and 22 touchdowns to lead the Huskies to a division title in the PSAC.

St. Cloud (10-3) nearly knocked off Minnesota-Duluth in overtime in the second round of the playoffs. Replacing All-America receiver Fred Williams will be difficult, but the offense is in good hands with Phillip Klaphake (35 combined TDs) at quarterback.

Colorado School of Mines (9-3) should again be explosive on offense with the return of Clay Garcia, who threw for 4,066 yards and 39 touchdowns last year. Cody Renken and Jerrod Doucet, who combined for 163 catches and 17 touchdowns, are also back.

Albany State (11-1) went unbeaten in Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play and won a first-round playoff game before losing to Delta State. The Rams should be good offensively with the return of QB Stanley Jennings, who had a SIAC-leading 26 touchdown passes, and Robert Welton, who rushed for 882 yards and 10 scores.

Shepherd (12-2) will have a tough time duplicating its 2010 run to the national semifinals, but running back Tommy Addison (1,617 rushing yards, 19 TDs) and All-America cornerback Keon Robinson (Division II-leading 10 interceptions) will provide a solid nucleus.

Wingate (9-3) made a habit of playing close games last year in the South Atlantic Conference, finishing 6-3 in contests decided by seven points or less. One of those losses was a 30-28 setback to Albany State in the first round of the playoffs.

Central Missouri (11-3) rode Harlon Hill Trophy winner Eric Czerniewski to the national quarterfinals, but in order to produce similar results this season, it will have to replace the quarterback's Division 2 record 5,207 passing yards and his 46 touchdown passes. Second-year coach Ron Svoboda also must replace receivers Jamorris Warren and Anthony Stewart, who combined for 2,542 yards and 35 TD catches.

California (Pa.) opened 7-0 last season but struggled down the stretch, including a two-point setback to Bloomsburg in the opening round of the playoffs. The Vulcans (10-2) should be good again on defense with eight returning starters from a unit that allowed 14.4 points per game.

Nebraska-Kearney (9-2), which tied Colorado School of Mines for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title in 2010, will try to go out in style during its last year in the league before moving into the MIAA.

SportingNews DIVISION 2 ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

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| RB | Franklyn Quiteh Bloomsburg (5-10, 197, So.) |
| RB | Tony Addison Shepherd (5-9, 180, Sr.) |
| RB | Akeem Satterfield Slippery Rock (6-1, 210, Jr.) |
| OL | Kyle Thornton North Alabama (6-4, 345, Sr.) |
| OL | Tyler Hendrickson Concordia (6-8, 320, Sr.) |
| OL | Amini Silatolu Midwestern State (6-3, 320, Sr.) |
| OL | Chandler Reardon Lenoir-Rhyne (6-1, 265, Sr.) |
| OL | Garth Heikkinen Minnesota-Duluth (6-4, 290, Jr.) |
| WR | Jake Soy Northwest Missouri State (6-3, 215, Sr.) |
| WR | Thomas Mayo Concord (6-2, 184, Sr.) |
| WR | Tyson Williams West Texas A&M (6-2, 205, Sr.) |
| TE | Michael Rodriguez Tusculum (6-2, 190, Sr.) |
| K | Michael Ziola Chadron State (5-10, 155, So.) |

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| DL | Danny Richard Grand Valley State (6-4, 255, Sr.) |
| DL | Brandon Williams Missouri So. (6-3, 325, Jr.) |
| DL | Armonty Bryant East Central Oklahoma (6-6, 245, Jr.) |
| DL | Richard Daniel Wayne State (6-1, 210, Jr.) |
| LB | Nate Dreiling Pittsburg State (6-4, 218, So.) |
| LB | Shawn Loiseau Merrimack (6-2, 240, Sr.) |
| LB | Lee Meisner Colorado State-Pueblo (6-0, 240, Sr.) |
| LB | Billy O'Connor C.W. Post (5-10, 220, Sr.) |
| DB | Logan Kerr Ashland (5-9, 181, Sr.) |
| DB | Keon Robinson Shepherd (5-11, 185, Jr.) |
| DB | Stan Langlow Central Washington (6-3, 200, So.) |
| DB | Zac Kallas Augustana (6-1, 200, Sr.) |
| P | Ronnie Partridge Stillman (5-10, 183, Sr.) |

Quarterback Jake Spitzberger and running back Rustin Dring lead the offense, while eight starters return on defense.

Hillsdale (9-3) shared the GLIAC title last year with Grand Valley State. GLIAC Player of the Year Troy Weatherford and his top two receiving targets are gone, but running back Joe Glendening returns after leading the league in rushing (1,485 yards, 15 TDs).

North Alabama (9-4) must rebuild a defense that loses eight starters. For the first time since he arrived three years ago, coach Terry Bowden will not have to break in a new quarterback as Lee Chapple is the solid, safe incumbent.

No team burst onto the scene last season like **Kutztown** (10-2), which led the PSAC in scoring and set a school record for wins, including a victory over Mercyhurst. The charge now for the region's reigning Coach of the Year, Raymond Monica, is to keep things rolling. Kevin Morton returns under center after throwing 38 TD passes, as does his favorite target, Erik Frazier. The running game should get a boost from Connecticut transfer Robbie Frey.

Quarterback Bo Cordell will again trigger **Tusculum's** (6-5) high-powered offense after throwing for 4,657 yards and 38 touchdowns in 2010. Two of his top targets—Deonte Gist and Michael Rodriguez—return after combining for 166 catches and 17 scores.

Another high-scoring team, **West Texas A&M** (8-4), returns 13 All-Lone Star Conference players. However, gone are QB Taylor Harris, running back Kyle Thompson and wide receiver Stephen Burton.

Washburn (8-4) was close to a special season in 2010, losing four games by 22 total points. The Ichabods averaged 37.2 points and 460.3 yards per game behind QB Dane Simoneau (33 TD passes) and running

back Versonh Moore, who led the MIAA with 106.6 rushing yards per game. While that duo returns, Washburn will miss graduated All-America kicker Steve Ivanisevic.

In a balanced PSAC, **Slippery Rock** (6-5) could be one of the East's surprise teams with 17 returning starters and the addition of Connecticut transfer Cody Endres at quarterback. Endres' presence may convince 24th-year coach George Mihalik to open up his run-oriented offense. Replacing All-America lineman Brandon Fusco is a must if 1,352-yard, 20-TD rusher Akeem Satterfield is to come close to matching his 2010 totals.

linemen. **Arkansas Tech** (4-7) struggled a year after making the playoffs in 2009, but hopes to rebound behind nine returning offensive starters. **Arkansas-Monticello** (3-8) will open the season with a new coach, Hud Jackson, who takes over for Gwaine Mathews.

GREAT LAKES

Michigan Tech (8-2) won its final four games in 2010 but must replace All-America running back Phil Milbrath. Returning lettermen Todd Storm, Drew Vanderlin and Jesse Vandenberg combined for 35.5 tackles for loss on the league's top scoring defense. **Ashland** (8-3) won its final seven games and its three losses were by a combined 19 points. Running back D.J. McCoy eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark, while cornerback Logan Kerr was among the national leaders with eight interceptions. With 18 returning starters, including fourth-year starting QB Tom Schneider, **Ferris State** (5-6) could be ready to challenge for the conference title.

GREAT NORTH

Defending conference champ **Central Washington** (8-3) has 12 returning starters, including safety Stan Langlow, who had seven interceptions last year. Conference Offensive MVP Lyndon Rowells returns for **Humboldt State** (8-3) after rushing for 1,309 yards and 15 touchdowns in 2010, while **Western Oregon** (7-4) has tackle Jason Slowey to anchor a solid offensive line.

GULF SOUTH

Valdosta State (8-3) will try to return to form in the new-look GSC, but will do so with only 12 returning starters. The Blazers relied on defense in 2010, as their quarterbacks combined for only 12 TD passes. Will Hall replaces retired Division II Hall-of-Famer

Bobby Wallace as coach at **West Alabama** (7-4), which will try to reverse a trend of losing close games. The Tigers, who posted back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1990-91, lost four games by a combined nine points. **West Georgia** (3-7) needs help under center coming off a season in which its quarterbacks threw more interceptions than touchdowns.

LONE STAR

Angelo State (5-5) brings in former Northwest Missouri State assistant Will Wagner as its new coach. Wagner's first chore is to find a replacement for QB Josh Neiswander. **Midwestern State** (8-4) just missed the playoffs last year and lost to Washburn in the Kanza Bowl. The offense will be built around powerful offensive lineman Amini Silatolu, a second-team All-American. **Eastern New Mexico** (5-6), currently pondering a move to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, has one of the Lone Star's best talents in QB Wesley Wood, who threw 33 touchdown passes in 2010.

MID-AMERICA

Pittsburg State (6-6) is trying to climb back among the MIAA elite. Second-year coach Tim Beck will count on All-America linebacker Nate Dreiling (160 tackles, 20.5 for loss) to help the Gorillas do just that. **Emporia State** (5-6) ended last season on a four-game losing streak but hopes 16 returning starters, including defensive back Derek Lohman, will turn things around. **Truman State** (4-7) improved by two wins under first-year coach Gregg Nesbitt. A similar improvement would give the Bulldogs their first winning season since 2007.

NORTHEAST-10

New Haven (8-2) emerged from a four-way tie to claim the 2010 conference title, and will again feature 1,000-yard rusher Victor Jones in the backfield. **American International** (6-4) will build its defense around the league's reigning Rookie of the Year in end Justin Tervo, while **Southern Connecticut** (6-4) returns signal-caller Kevin Lynch, who threw 24 TD passes in 2010. **Stonehill** (5-5) return man Stephan Neville tied a Division 2 record by returning four kicks for touchdowns while adding a defensive score as well. **Merrimack** (4-6) linebacker Shawn Loiseau led the nation last year with 13.3 tackles per game. **Bentley** (5-4) won its last four games and features league MVP Bryant Johnson, who set a school record with a 65.9-percent completion rate last year.

NORTHERN SUN

There's plenty of power in this conference, which is now considered among the top leagues in the country. **Concordia-St. Paul** (8-4) should feature a potent offense with All-American Tyler Hendrickson anchoring the



Nate Dreiling Pittsburg State

offensive line. **Bemidji State** (7-4) boasts Brian Leonhardt, one of the league's top tight ends, while **Wayne State** (6-5) is coming off a season in which it upset Augustana and lost three games by a total of 14 points. **Minnesota State** (6-5) returns four key offensive starters, including wideout Adam Thielen (41 receptions).

PENNSYLVANIA STATE

There is no shortage of talent in the PSAC. In addition to four teams in *Sporting News'* preseason Top 25, **C.W. Post** (7-4) will try to improve behind an offensive line featuring Kevin Martin and John Siopa. **Edinburg** (7-4) should continue its climb with 10 starters returning on offense. The Fighting Scots were 4-2 in games decided by eight points or less last year, and a defense that had 16 interceptions should be even better with the return of Branden Williams, who missed all but one quarter of the 2010 campaign. **Gannon** (6-5) posted back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in 15 years, resulting in a contract extension for coach Jim Kiernan, whose team finished 1-10 just four years ago. **Indiana** (Pa.) dipped into its coaching roots for a new head coach and found Curt Cignetti, whose father, Frank, stepped down in 2005 as the Crimson Hawks' head man. Curt was an assistant at Alabama under Nick Saban and replaces Lou Tepper. **Shippensburg** (5-6) closed with four straight wins and also has a new coach in alum Mark Maciejewski. The kicking game should be outstanding at **West Chester** (4-7), where Shawn Leo made nine of 10 field goals a year ago and Chris Hill was the only PSAC punter to average more than 40 yards per boot.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Colorado State-Pueblo (9-2) sported the league's best scoring defense in 2010 and also returns dynamic running back Jesse Lewis, a third-team AP Little All-American who rushed for 1,391 yards last year. **Chadron State** (8-3) closed the season with five consecutive wins and coach Bill O'Boyle has 15 starters returning, including four who played as redshirt freshmen.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Sixteen starters return at **Carson-Newman** (7-4), including a trio of running backs who

combined for 28 touchdowns last year. **Catawba** (6-4) has an electric return man in defensive back L.J. McCray, who returned two kicks for touchdowns and finished with 304 return yards against Tusculum. **Lenoir-Rhyne** (7-4) is coming off its first winning season in 16 years and led the nation in rushing (319 yards per game) behind All-America offensive lineman Chandler Reardon, but the Bears were 2-4 in games decided by four points or less. **Mars Hill** (5-6) will rely on running back Jonas Randolph, who already owns the school's rushing and touchdown records entering his senior campaign. Back for his second season as the starting quarterback is former Clemson player Jon Richt, the son of University of Georgia head coach Mark Richt. He threw for 2,238 yards and 20 touchdowns in 10 games last year. **Newberry** (4-6) must replace 1,000-yard receiver David Pressley.

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGiate

Morehouse (8-3) made its first playoff appearance last year and will rely on David Carter, the league's top rusher, to make it two in a row. For coach Willie Slater to win his fifth league title in six years at **Tuskegee** (9-2), he'll have to find a completely new offensive backfield. **Fort Valley State** (8-3) owned the league's best defense (13.0 ppg) last year and returns Dominique Patterson, who returned all three of his interceptions for touchdowns in 2010.

WEST VIRGINIA INTERCOLLEGiate

West Liberty (7-3) must replace Harlon Hill Trophy runner-up Zach Amedro, who set Division II marks for completions and passing yards. Garin Justice takes over as coach at **Concord** (8-3), which returns Thomas Mayo, who caught 14 touchdown passes in 2010. **West Virginia Wesleyan** (9-2) has a strong nucleus back, including Jon Meadows (91 catches, 985 yards) and Jonas Celian (13 sacks, 24 tackles for loss). **Glenville State** (5-6) has elevated David Hutchinson to head coach, while **Fairmont State** (5-6) will try to build around QB Logan Moore, who was named the league's top freshman offensive player.

INDEPENDENTS

North Greenville (9-3) posted signature wins over UNC Pembroke and Division I FCS Presbyterian on the way to a Victory Bowl appearance. Its roster features only five seniors and the offense took flight behind Clemson transfer Willy Korn at quarterback last fall. **UNC Pembroke** (5-5), which rose as high as No. 14 in the national rankings last year, hopes to rebound after injuries devastated its playoff hopes. **Northeastern State** (6-5) will play as an independent this season after leaving the Lone Star Conference. It will join the MIAA in 2012.

DIVISION 3

PREVIEW

Wisconsin-Whitewater, Mount Union set off on collision course for deciding Game 7

By Mike Goens, *Florence (Ala.) TimesDaily*

ealing with high expectations is something you learn to do quickly as a Wisconsin-Whitewater football player. Senior running back Levell Coppage says you can either fight those expectations or embrace them.

"It's hard to live up to what everyone expects you to do," says Coppage, one of the top offensive players in Division 3 football. "As a player here, you feed off those expectations. You work harder because of that, and you take pride in being associated with an organization like this."

As a program, the expectations at UWW have been met.

The Warhawks have played for six straight Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl national championships, winning three of the last four. They have won 30 consecutive games, the longest active win streak on any level in NCAA football.

In each of the previous six title games, the opponent has been Mount Union, another program with great expectations. The Purple Raiders have won 10 national championships since 1993.

You won't hear a player or coach at either university say they are looking ahead to December and another rematch in the championship game. But the expectations are there.

"It's the game everyone wants to see; it's been building up over the past six seasons," Coppage says. "We've got three (national

championships) and they've got three (in the last six years). It has become one of the greatest rivalries in football. The games have been dramatic and they have been good for fans, our communities and for Division III.

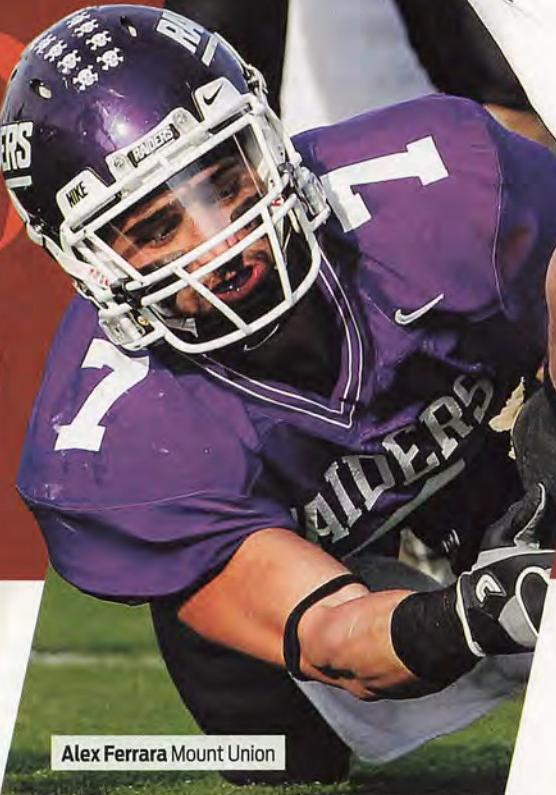
"No one wants to talk about it, though. It's a long, hard road getting there and (there are) plenty of tough games. If you overlook someone, they're the one who will get you. There are a lot of teams that are sick and tired of us winning. They want to see us crash. That's just part of the expectations you deal with every week."

Coppage could give **Wisconsin-Whitewater** (15-0 in 2010) an edge in its quest for a rare third straight national title. He rushed for 2,167 yards as a junior—besting his sophomore total of 2,107—and has 81 career touchdowns. The Warhawks have two quarterbacks returning with starting experience. Matt Blanchard (2,132 passing yards, 21 TDs) started all 10 regular-season games before injuring his thumb, while Lee Brekke (843, 11) started all five playoff games, including the championship.

Coach Lance Leipold must find a go-to receiver and a few offensive linemen to surround returning guard Logan Allemand and several quality backups from a year ago.

On defense, end Jake Keeser, linebacker Greg Arnold, safeties Shane Covington and Steve McCollom and cornerback Jared Kiesow provide a strong nucleus.

Don't expect **Mount Union** (14-1) to go



Alex Ferrara Mount Union

away quietly. The Purple Raiders have won 19 straight Ohio Athletic Conference titles in addition to their national championships. And coach Larry Kehres boasts 303 career wins, 11th best in college football.

Of the 16 returning starters, nine come from a stout defense that includes Alex Ferrara and Nick Driskill in the secondary and end Charles Dieuseul up front. Quarterback Neal Seaman, who passed for 3,190 yards and 28 touchdowns last year, is expected to throw often to junior Jasper Collins, who becomes one of Mount Union's key receivers. Brett Ekkens is a leader on the offensive line.

Wesley (12-1) has advanced to the playoffs six straight years, moving to the semifinals in three of those trips. Eight offensive starters are back, including quarterbacks Shane McSweeney, who passed for 2,917 yards and 37 touchdowns two years ago, and Justin Sottilare (3,384, 38), the starter in 2010. Running back Brandon Wright (1,086 rushing yards, 11 TDs) and linemen James Buetner and Tim Putman are other stalwarts on offense. However, finding big-play receivers will be the key.

The defensive unit will be one of the nation's best, led by end Chris Mayes, who garnered 32.5 tackles for loss a year ago. Tackle Paul Gilstrop, end Devin Hardy and linebacker Byron Eaton are impressive complements. Dakevis Howard should again dazzle at cornerback.

Glenn Caruso has delivered an impressive

turnaround at **St. Thomas**, going from 2-8 in 2007 to 12-1 last year. The Tommies will be loaded with nine offensive starters returning from the most balanced attack in Division III. Last season they averaged 214.5 rushing yards and 194.4 passing yards per game. The key, however, will be the running back position, where senior Colin Tobin will likely take over starting duties. Receiver Fritz Waldvogel can hurt defenses by rushing, receiving and returning kickoffs. Quarterback Dakota Tracy has only one career loss as a starter and will be joined by a veteran offensive line.

The defense, which has six starters with experience, surrendered only 11.5 points a game in 2010 and returns leaders in linebackers Willy Baregi and Tony Danna.

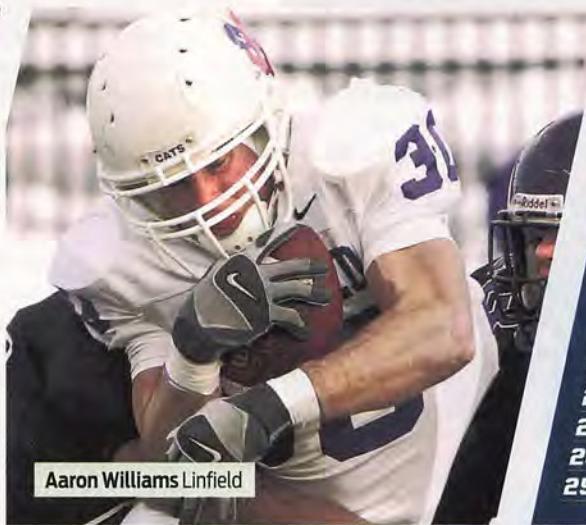
Mary Hardin-Baylor (12-1) is another dominant Division III program, having won at least one playoff game in each of the past seven seasons. However, the Cru have rebuilding to do on both lines. Still, quarterback LiDarral Bailey is a threat passing (1,531 yards, 13 TDs) and running (851, 10). Tackle Nate Menkin and receiver Damian Davis will leave their marks, too. The defense, with eight returning starters, could be a strong point, with linebacker Javicz Jones (120 tackles), end Silvio Diaz and safety Ty Dooley making up the core of the unit.

It has been seven years since **Linfield** (9-2) last won the national championship, but the Wildcats could be a contender this year if either Mickey Inns or Josh Yoder emerge at quarterback. Regardless, both sides of the ball are experienced and talented. Running back Aaron Williams should be a vital part of the offense after spending most of last year injured. The offensive line features the return of guards Jordan Barnes and Drew Wert and center Hayden Mace, while wideouts Buddy Saxon (6-6) and Deidre Wiersma combined for 74 catches and 1,020 receiving yards last year. The defense is solid with safety Drew Fisher and monster back Kalae Parish among seven returning starters.

North Central (12-1) has become a playoff regular in recent years, with five appearances in the past six seasons. Defense will make the Cardinals a contender again in 2011, as the unit allowed just 9.2 points per game last

GAMES TO WATCH

- Sept. 10** *Cal Lutheran at Linfield*
- Sept. 24** *Mary Hardin-Baylor at Hardin-Simmons*
- Sept. 24** *Thomas More at Washington & Jefferson*
- Sept. 24** *Coe at Wartburg*
- Oct. 1** *Saint John's (Minn.) at St. Thomas*
- Oct. 8** *Bethel at Saint John's (Minn.)*
- Oct. 29** *Wisconsin-Stevens Point at Wisconsin-Whitewater*
- Nov. 5** *Baldwin-Wallace at Mount Union*
- Nov. 5** *Wheaton (Ill.) at North Central*



Aaron Williams Linfield

year and returns seven starters. Defensive end Valente Garza had 11.5 sacks, while safety Josh McLeod made eight interceptions and broke up 11 passes a year ago. Seven starters are also back on offense, but the Cardinals need to find a leader at quarterback. Two players have at least five starts and will battle for the job. Tight end Kyle Fiedorowicz will be an easy target again this season. He boasts 14 career touchdown receptions.

Rebuilding is a word being tossed around at **Wittenberg** (10-1), but the Tigers have two unique weapons in quarterback Ben Zoeller and wide receiver Josh McKee. They own most of the passing and receiving records at a tradition-rich program that is one win shy of 700. Zoeller passed for nearly 3,000 yards last year and, with three of his top four receivers returning, could surpass his 2010 marks. Zoeller will also get help from two quality tailbacks. However, piecing together a new offensive line will be a priority. Seven defensive starters must be replaced, but linebacker Zach Hurt and safety Seth Parker are superb returnees.

Missing the playoffs is big news in Minnesota at **Saint John's** (7-3), where legendary coach John Gagliardi enters his 63rd season with a 478-129-11 record and isn't one to let another postseason go by without him. The Johnnies lost three games last year by a total of seven points, with two of the defeats coming in overtime. Because the offense topped 500 yards in each of its seven wins last

PRESEASON TOP 25

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| 1 | Wisconsin-Whitewater |
| 2 | Mount Union |
| 3 | Wesley |
| 4 | St. Thomas |
| 5 | Mary Hardin-Baylor |
| 6 | Linfield |
| 7 | North Central |
| 8 | Wittenberg |
| 9 | Saint John's (Minn.) |
| 10 | Montclair State |
| 11 | Wheaton (Ill.) |
| 12 | Wartburg |
| 13 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 14 | Thomas More |
| 15 | Bethel |
| 16 | Washington & Jefferson |
| 17 | Cal Lutheran |
| 18 | Hardin-Simmons |
| 19 | Washington & Lee |
| 20 | Johns Hopkins |
| 21 | Cortland |
| 22 | The Redlands |
| 23 | Coe |
| 24 | Rowan |
| 25 | Delaware Valley |

year, the talk entering the season surrounds the defense, where seven starters return. Linebackers Ian Goldsmith and Jake King and defensive back Alex Powell will provide the leadership. On offense, an experienced line led by Pete Schwarz and Andrew Ghostley will have to play well until a new quarterback adjusts to the system. There's lots of depth at running back, however.

Opponents will have to score a lot of points to knock off **Montclair State** (10-2). All 11 starters return on offense, including New Jersey Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year Tom Fischer, who threw for 2,341 yards and 22 touchdowns last season. Running back Chris D'Andrea is back from injury and should provide some relief for receivers Dan Keegan, Byron Lewin and Joe LaSala, who combined for 123 catches, 1,709 yards and 17 touchdowns a year ago. Center Dan Aguilar and tackle Jeff Angstadt lead the line. On defense, lineman Alex Iachetta, linebacker Dan Avento and defensive backs Chad Faulcon and Kevin Cloghessy will be heard from often.

Each season **Wheaton** (Ill.) seems to go about its business with little fanfare, yet usually ends up in the playoffs. Expect a little more noise in 2011, as the Thunder return a lot of talent from a 10-2 squad. Starting quarterback Jordan Roberts is a threat in the air and on the ground. Two capable running backs—Joey Skogen and Peter Jarrett—along with receiver Teddy Watkins, will provide

Roberts with the necessary weapons. Wheaton also returns its top five tacklers in linebackers Jordan Chapman and Richard Jacobson, safety Brian McMullen and linemen Robert Ramsay and JD East. Safety Jordan Langs had four interceptions last year and should create some more havoc in the secondary this season.

Rick Willis has produced a consistent record as coach at **Wartburg** (10-1), winning more than 80 percent of his games. He'll look to do it again this year with a defensive unit that returns seven starters, including defensive back Josh VanDenHul. He had six interceptions in 2010 and proved to be a game-changer as a return man. Defensive back Garrett McGrane had six interceptions

and 81 tackles a year ago, while end Matt Tscherter made nine sacks. Quarterback Danny Stiefel and favorite receiver Levi Helbling (52 catches, 832 yards) are back to lead the offense.

Baldwin-Wallace (7-3) has the star power to go deep in the playoffs and possibly knock off Mount Union in its conference race. The Yellow Jackets return 18 starters, including 10 on offense. Clay Wolf will lead a veteran offensive line, while quarterback Ryan O'Rourke, a transfer from Division 2 Slippery Rock, will give cues to the rushing tandem of Tim Miker and John McGraw. Tight end Aaron Hurd and six of last season's top receivers shore up the offense. The defense should be strong with the return of two linemen, two linebackers and

four members of the secondary.

Thomas More (11-1) hasn't lost a regular-season game since 2008 and returns plenty of experience, including eight starters on offense. The ground game is among the best in the country with running backs Domonique Hayden and Kendall Owens. Defending the run is also a trademark for the Saints, and end Jay Volker, linebacker Nick Gramke and safety Zach Autenrieb are big reasons for that success.

Having made the playoffs in six of the last 11 seasons, **Bethel** (12-2) has earned respect nationwide and hopes to build on its winning tradition this year. The Royals have to replace an All-America running back, but that won't change the offensive philosophy, as nine starters are back. Josh Aakre, a three-year starter at quarterback, will be called on to pass more this year, but the running game will come first. Linemen Mitch Elliott, Kyle Boersma and Josh Wolfe open a lot of holes in front of Aakre. Leading the defense are linebackers Billy Morgan and Brett Skoog, along with safety David Vavra and cornerback Ethan Anderson.

Washington & Jefferson (9-2) is always mentioned in the conversation about national contenders because the Presidents have logged 27 consecutive winning campaigns. This year, they have plenty of experience with 14 starters returning. Running back Tim Mcnerney rushed for 1,009 yards and 18 touchdowns last year as a leader on offense. However, the emphasis will be on having a more balanced attack. Linebacker Frank Gigler, who had 15 tackles for loss last year, will be a catalyst for the defense.

Coach Ben McEnroe has turned things around at **Cal Lutheran** (8-2) after leading



Levell Cophage Wisconsin-Whitewater

SportingNews DIVISION 3 ALL-AMERICA TEAM

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| QB | Neal Seaman , Mount Union (6-1, 201, Jr.) |
| RB | Levell Cophage , Wisconsin-Whitewater (5-8, 170, Sr.) |
| RB | Justin Autera , Cortland (5-11, 190, Jr.) |
| OL | Mitch Elliott , Bethel (6-4, 305, Sr.) |
| OL | Koby Parker , Hardin-Simmons (6-3, 320, Sr.) |
| OL | Brent McNeil , Cal Lutheran (6-3, 330, Sr.) |
| OL | Logan Allemand , Wisconsin-Whitewater (6-3, 310, Sr.) |
| OL | Nate Menkin , Mary Hardin-Baylor (6-5, 285, Sr.) |
| TE | Kyle Fiedorowicz , North Central (6-7, 270, Sr.) |
| WR | Josh McKee , Wittenberg (6-2, 185, Sr.) |
| WR | Fritz Waldvogel , St. Thomas (5-9, 170, Sr.) |
| WR | Sam Wernick , Johns Hopkins (5-10, 185, Sr.) |
| K | Tyler Almeida , Mount Union (6-0, 200, Jr.) |

DEFENSE

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| DL | Mike Jaskowski , Delaware Valley (6-1, 200, Sr.) |
| DL | Chris Mayes , Wesley (6-3, 255, Sr.) |
| DL | Tyler Hemry , Coe (6-2, 233, Sr.) |
| DL | Dan Terhune , Wooster (6-0, 260, Sr.) |
| LB | Kyle McGivney , Luther (6-1, 225, Sr.) |
| LB | C.J. Seitzinger , John Carroll (5-11, 210, Sr.) |
| LB | Tate Moore-Jacobs , Wilkes (5-10, 190, So.) |
| LB | Greg Arnold , Wisconsin-Whitewater (6-1, 220, Sr.) |
| DB | Javicz Jones , Mary Hardin-Baylor (6-0, 180, Sr.) |
| DB | Zach Autenrieb , Thomas More (5-10, 185, Jr.) |
| DB | Ray Bierbach , Lycoming (5-10, 180, Sr.) |
| DB | Jake Pelton , Washington & Lee (6-0, 190, Jr.) |
| P | Robby Salmon , Wartburg (6-0, 205, Sr.) |

his program to three Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships in four years. Ten starters return on offense, including running back Deme'Trek Chambers, receiver Eric Rogers, quarterback Jake Laudenslayer and the leader on the line, Brent McNeil. If two pass-rush ends can be found, the Kingsmen will also be solid on a defense led by cornerback Luis Villavicencio and linebacker Jacob Norlock.

Despite a new coach in Jesse Burleson and an unknown at quarterback, **Hardin-Simmons** (8-2) might still produce another winning season in 2011. The return of four offensive linemen and two quality running backs will help the new quarterback adjust. However, the Cowboys may not use a wide-open offensive attack. Derrick Grant and Steven Rockwell have shown they are capable runners, while tackle Koby Parker and center Travis Sugar are solid blockers up front. The defense has big-play potential with end Garrison Hardin, cornerback Jay Wise, safety Caleb Christian and linebacker Joe Sanders.

Washington & Lee (8-3) made a lot of noise last year and appears ready to get louder. The Generals won their final seven regular-season games to earn a playoff spot and, with nine starters back, expect even more this year. Leading the offense are running backs Luke Heinsohn (1,321 rushing yards) and Harrison Hudson, who is a threat carrying and catching the ball. Quarterback Charles Westfal accounted for 3,226 passing yards, 1,539 rushing yards and 30 touchdowns last year and could improve on those numbers. Defensive back Jake Pelton and linebacker Jesse Jenkins are two leaders on a talented defensive unit.

Huge expectations await **Johns Hopkins** (8-3), with 16 starters returning who played a role in 48 of the Blue Jays' 51 touchdowns last year. Quarterback Hewitt Tomlin threw for 3,309 yards and 24 touchdowns in 2010 and comes back to do more of the same in 2011. Sam Wernick is back as the go-to receiver (69 catches, 1,265 yards, 17 TDs). Center Ed Rodger is the best among a strong offensive line. On defense, linebacker Ryan Piatek (111 tackles) and safety Mike Milano lead a punishing unit.

There is little question that **Cortland** (10-2) will be able to move the football in 2011, but replacing seven defensive starters will be challenging. Quarterback Dan Pitcher passed for 18 touchdowns, while tailback Justin Autera rushed for 1,380 yards, had 704 receiving yards and scored 25 times a year ago. But the defense offers little experience; Cody Allen (105 tackles) will lead a young, untested unit.

Plenty of experience and talent returns at **The Redlands** (8-1), including 19 starters from an 8-1 squad. Offensive lineman Chris Radtke provides leadership, while receiver Taylor Irwin

brings big-play ability to the offense. The Bulldogs' defense should be tough with safety Josh Herrera and linebacker Jordan Garcia leading the way.

Several key weapons are back at **Coe** (9-2), including quarterback Brad Boyle (2,972 yards, 24 TDs), running back Brendan Leiran (1,225 rushing yards, 27 receptions) and receiver Jared Kuehner (35 catches). Defensive lineman Tyler Henry had 15 tackles for loss last year, while linebackers Ben Carr, Connor Worthington and Jacob Lower are all scheduled to return with more experience.

If **Rowan** (9-1) can get solid play at quarterback, it could make a playoff run again. Tight end Kevin DelleDonne is a solid blocker and receiving threat, while offensive linemen Brian Cary and David Green will be asked to make holes for the rushing tandem of Steve Hevalow and Keith Corcoran. The anchors on defense are tackle Steve Williams and linebacker Dean Hammel.

Delaware Valley (9-3) must rebuild an offense that loses nine starters, but the Aggies are still expected to win the Middle Atlantic Conference and return to the playoffs. Their defense will likely take them there, as Mike Jaskowski (65 tackles, 9.5 sacks), safety Ryan McCullough, linebackers Jim DiLisio and Ken Fowlkes and cornerback Terrance Osborne are set to stop opponents in their tracks. The offense is young but possesses one of the top linemen in the East in John Lavelle.

OTHERS TO WATCH

Trine won 11 of 12 games last year, but lost 27 seniors. That means quarterback Ryan Hargraves and seven experienced seniors must come up big this season. ... At **Central**, the key will be the play of the offensive and defensive lines, as quarterback Nate Snead can hurt defenses and running back Ross Doehrmann is solid. On defense, safety Jake Petersen should be a playmaker. ... There is plenty of experienced talent at **Hampden-Sydney**, including quarterback Travis Lane (3,338 passing yards, 28 TDs) and receiver Kyle Vance (81 catches, 1,135 yards). ... **Franklin's** run-and-shoot offense will be under the control of a new quarterback, but big plays are still possible with running back Reece Craig, wingback Mitch Deffner and split end



John Lavelle Delaware Valley

Kyle Linville. Linebacker David O'Rourke and cornerback Zack Corpe are capable defenders. ... **Lycoming** is on the verge of returning to glory with 16 starters back. Defensive back Ray Bierbach and defensive lineman Anthony Marascio will lead the way.

Wisconsin-Stout, celebrating its 100th year in football, could be a playoff contender if quality receivers are found to work with quarterback Ross Carey and a talented offensive line led by tackle Tyler Butzler. The defense should be strong, with eight experienced starters. ... Despite returning 13 regulars, **Bridgewater** has some gaping holes to fill in its defensive backfield and at linebacker. ...

Case Western has a chance to be good if it can develop skill-position players on offense quickly. Defensive tackle Dale English, guard Tony Opperman and linebacker Jacob Adams will help ease the transition. ... **Alfred** has an experienced big gun in quarterback Tom Secky (27 TDs). ... Don't count out a conference crown for **Wilkes**, which has 16 starters returning who include linebacker Tate Moore-Jacobs (145 tackles). ... **Hobart** has its eyes on a league title, and 16 returning starters should help the cause. Safety Devin Worthington had 19 tackles for loss in 2010. Quarterback Doug Vella and receiver Junior Woodard are also solid weapons. ... **Salisbury** is entering the Empire 8 Conference and plans to use its triple-option attack led by Randal Smedley to create problems. ... Rebuilding is needed at **Christopher Newport**, but the Captains are accustomed to winning, as they have competed in seven of the past 10 national playoffs.

NAIA

Carroll gunning for seventh title in a decade

By Will Long Sporting News

Over the last nine seasons, Sioux Falls and Carroll have dominated the NAIA. Coaches can breathe a sigh of relief now that one of those teams, Sioux Falls, has made the jump to NCAA Division II this season. But the other juggernaut, Carroll, looks to remain elite. The Fighting Saints have won six of the last nine NAIA championships, including last year's 10-7 victory over Sioux Falls, which marked their first title since 2007. Carroll appears to be the favorite again in 2011, but will receive a stiff challenge from Saint Xavier and MidAmerica Nazarene.

Carroll (Mont.) returns five starters on offense and six on defense from a team that finished last season 14-0. Quarterback Dane Broadhead will have to fill the considerable shoes of the graduated signal-caller Gary Wagner, who completed 71 percent of his passes last season for 1,983 yards and 21 touchdowns. At least Broadhead will have a reliable weapon in receiver Matt Ritter, who caught 54 passes for 641 yards and six touchdowns in 2010. The defense is led by senior safety Brian Strobel, who had 103 tackles and four interceptions a year ago.

For the second consecutive season, **Saint Xavier** (Ill.) lost in the national semifinals, this time to Carroll. *American Football Monthly*'s 2010 NAIA National Coach of the Year, Mike Feminis, will need to replace first-team All-America quarterback Anthony Kropp after he led the NAIA's best passing offense (350.4 yards per game). New quarterback Joe Gill has experienced parts surrounding him, though, in running back KJ Franklin (4.4 yards per carry) and wide receiver Wes Gastel (34 receptions, 503 yards).

MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) lost the heart and soul of its defense when Jake Duren graduated. The former Pioneer linebacker amassed 109 tackles, 14.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks and three interceptions in 2010. The focus may shift to offense, however, as coach Jonathan Quinn's team returns running backs Greg Gates, Sean Ransburg and James Tillman, who combined for 2,079 yards and 25 touchdowns on the ground last season.

Saint Francis (Ind.) will rely on senior running back Frank Wolfe to carry the load in the 2011 campaign. He rushed for 930 yards and five touchdowns last season. Wide receiver Austin Coleman should help a new quarterback transition after grabbing 36 passes for 584 yards a year ago.

The **Morningside** (Iowa) Mustangs return nine starters to the nation's second-best scoring defense (12.7 points per game). Safety Jared Goforth tied for the team lead with five interceptions last year while finishing second in tackles (86). Linebacker Marshall Barney also returns after making 16 tackles for loss in 2010.

Marian (Ind.) will need to replace its quarterback and top two receivers from the NAIA's 10th-best passing attack (269.6 yards per game). *Sporting News* preseason All-American Dustin Craig (82 tackles, 7 INTs) returns to spearhead the defense at free safety.

Dickinson State (N.D.) keeps its top 13 tacklers from last season, all of whom made at least 33 tackles. Bodie Tobin anchors the defensive line after recording 71 tackles and 4.0 sacks in 2010.

William Penn (Iowa) averaged 406.9 rushing yards per game in 2010 to lead the nation in that category. The top four ground-gainers are back, including tailback Shawn Davis (1,042 yards, 12 TDs) and quarterback Taylor Parsons (1,010 rushing yards, 20 TDs). The Statesmen return players who accounted for 3,676 of 4,505 rushing yards and 50 of 58 rushing touchdowns in 2010.

McPherson (Kan.) will enjoy more production this season from All-American Andy Skinner and Joe Middleton at receiver. They combined for 140 receptions, 2,412 yards and 28 touchdowns last year.

Ottawa (Kan.) returns 17 starters, led by two-time All-America wideout Clarence Anderson (94 receptions, 1,477 yards, 15 TDs).

PRESEASON TOP 10

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Carroll (Mont.) | 6 Marian (Ind.) |
| 2 Saint Xavier (Ill.) | 7 Dickinson State (N.D.) |
| 3 MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) | 8 William Penn (Iowa) |
| 4 St. Francis (Ind.) | 9 McPherson (Kan.) |
| 5 Morningside (Iowa) | 10 Ottawa (Kan.) |

NAIA ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

| | |
|----|--|
| QB | Kaelin Ammons (5-11, 207, Sr.) Georgetown (Ky.) |
| RB | Theron Allen (5-8, 185, Jr.) Bethany (Kan.) |
| RB | Brandon Smith (5-11, 216, Jr.) Northwestern (Iowa) |
| OL | Zach Zosel (6-3, 280, Sr.) Carroll (Mont.) |
| OL | Mike Johnson (6-6, 280, Sr.) Saint Xavier (Ill.) |
| OL | Travis Hofmeyer (5-10, 270, Sr.) Northwestern (Iowa) |
| OL | Nick Newborn (6-1, 300, Sr.) Shorter (Ga.) |
| OL | Matt Byrd (6-5, 310, Sr.) Georgetown (Ky.) |
| TE | Juan Redmon (6-5, 251, Sr.) MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) |
| WR | Clarence Anderson (5-9, 155, Sr.) Ottawa (Kan.) |
| K | Tom Lynch (5-11, 215, Sr.) Saint Xavier (Ill.) |

DEFENSE

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|----|---|
| DL | Michael Prosser (6-2, 235, Sr.) Saint Xavier (Ill.) |
| DL | Peter Brooks (6-2, 270, So.) Northwestern Okla. State |
| DL | Richard Wick (6-2, 230, Sr.) Missouri Valley |
| DL | Bodie Tobin (6-3, 225, Sr.) Dickinson State (N.D.) |
| LB | J.L. Gomez (5-9, 195, Sr.) McPherson (Kan.) |
| LB | Landry See (6-0, 205, Sr.) Montana State-Northern |
| LB | Jake Mertens (6-2, 215, Sr.) Peru State (Neb.) |
| DB | Brian Strobel (5-11, 205, Sr.) Carroll (Mont.) |
| DB | Jared Goforth (6-0, 195, Jr.) Morningside (Iowa) |
| DB | Dustin Craig (6-0, 185, Sr.) Marian (Ind.) |
| DB | J.D. Wood (6-0, 200, Jr.) MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) |
| P | Alex McMahon (5-10, 180, Jr.) McKendree (Ill.) |

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS FROM 2010

| PASSING | | YR | G | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD | INT | RATING |
|--|--|----|----|------|------|------|-----|-------|--------|
| Kaelin Ammons, Georgetown (Ky.) | | SR | 11 | 340 | 200 | 2865 | 34 | 8 | 157.9 |
| Mike Brinkley, Union (Ky.) | | SR | 11 | 255 | 142 | 2186 | 22 | 8 | 149.9 |
| Brady Wardlaw, Southern Nazarene (Okla.) | | SR | 11 | 476 | 292 | 3515 | 43 | 13 | 147.7 |
| RUSHING | | | | | | | | | YDS/G |
| Theron Allen, Bethany (Kan.) | | JR | 10 | 242 | 143 | 1432 | 5.9 | 16 | 143.2 |
| Jamie Dale, South Dakota Mines | | SR | 8 | 186 | 105 | 1057 | 5.7 | 8 | 132.1 |
| Dominic Williams, Walsh (Ohio) | | JR | 11 | 225 | 1340 | 6.0 | 10 | 121.8 | |
| RECEPTIONS | | | | | | | | | REC/G |
| Clarence Anderson, Ottawa (Kan.) | | SR | 11 | 94 | 1477 | 15 | 15 | 8.5 | |
| Robert Anderson, Bethany (Kan.) | | SR | 10 | 69 | 1172 | 12 | 6 | 6.9 | |
| Duray Gardener, Tabor (Kan.) | | JR | 10 | 67 | 832 | 9 | 9 | 6.7 | |
| Ricky Roberts, Kansas Wesleyan | | SR | 10 | 67 | 1163 | 16 | 6 | 6.7 | |
| SCORING | | | | | | | | | PT/G |
| Clarence Anderson, Ottawa (Kan.) | | SR | 11 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 10.9 | |
| Taylor Parsons, William Penn (Iowa) | | SO | 11 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 10.9 | |
| Theron Allen, Bethany (Kan.) | | JR | 10 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 10.8 | |
| TACKLES | | | | | | | | | TOTAL |
| Joe Carter Jr., Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) | | SR | 11 | 83 | 55 | 55 | 138 | | |
| Landry See, Montana State-Northern | | SR | 10 | 76 | 52 | 52 | 128 | | |
| Zak Tazkary, Southwestern (Kan.) | | SR | 10 | 72 | 47 | 47 | 119 | | |
| SACKS | | | | | | | | | YDS |
| Jake Jones, Azusa Pacific (Calif.) | | SR | 10 | 10 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 68 | | |
| Richard Wick, Missouri Valley | | SR | 10 | 10 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 87 | | |
| Bob Hansen, Notre Dame (Ohio) | | JR | 11 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 65 | | |
| INTERCEPTIONS | | | | | | | | | INT/G |
| Derrick Williams, Bethel (Tenn.) | | SR | 9 | 9 | 109 | 0 | 1.0 | | |
| J.D. Wood, MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) | | JR | 12 | 8 | 179 | 1 | 0.7 | | |
| Spencer Brown, Tabor (Kan.) | | SR | 10 | 7 | 121 | 0 | 0.7 | | |
| Michael Talton, Sterling (Kan.) | | SR | 10 | 7 | 33 | 0 | 0.7 | | |
| Wayne Johnson, St. Francis (Ill.) | | SR | 10 | 7 | 68 | 0 | 0.7 | | |

Rock, chalk, Jayhawk Conference

Kansas teams dominated the national scene in 2010, but this year could prove to be a different story.

There's always going to be debate about which junior college football teams are the best in the country, but last October the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference quelled that talk when three of its teams filled the top three spots in the rankings produced by the National Junior College Athletic Association—a feat not accomplished since 1991.

Even though 141 junior colleges fund football programs—70 in the NJCAA and 71 in the California Community College Athletic Association—there is no unified national championship at the end of each season. But if such a contest existed, Butler (Kan.) CC, Hutchinson (Kan.) CC and

Coffeyville (Kan.) CC would likely end up fighting among themselves for the national title, as the three schools ranked Nos. 1, 2 and 3, respectively, in the NJCAA during the first part of last season.

These Kansas teams did more than win on the field in 2010—they combined to help about 31 players continue their playing days at four-year programs.

Numerous high-profile schools have junior college players from the state of Kansas on their rosters in 2011, including Butler players such as defensive end Cornelius Carradine (Florida State), wide receiver Marcus Kennard (Texas Tech) and quarterback Zach Mettenberger (LSU). Hutchinson is sending quarterback/rushing back Angelo Pease and defensive end

Meshak Williams to Kansas State, while Coffeyville is shipping linebacker Steven Jenkins (Texas A&M) and defensive tackles Robert Thomas (Arkansas) and Sylvester Williams (North Carolina)

on to big-time BCS conferences as well.

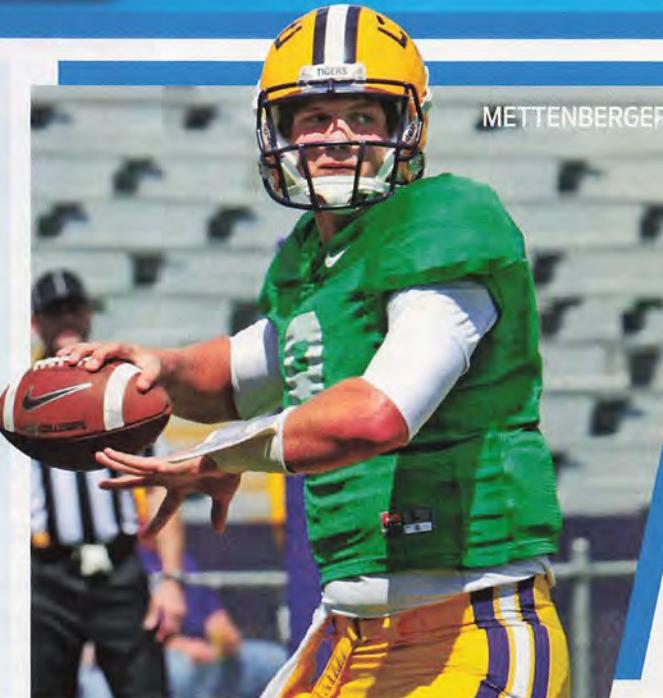
With a limited roster—only 55 players are allowed on the active roster—and little national recognition, achieving greatness at the jucos level takes more than a few talented players.

"Having the top three teams at that time of the year spoke volumes, not only about the talent but the caliber of coaches and the commitment we have from our administrations," Coffeyville coach Darian Dulin says. "They want to ensure that we have top-notch programs with good facilities and resources."

The new season might not bring the same acclaim that the three Kansas schools saw in 2010, but expect that trio to fight for top honors again—even if a true national title doesn't yet exist.

Mount San Antonio College (Calif.) 13-0 in 2010

Coach Robert Jastrab has fond memories of playing on the defensive line at Mount San Antonio College in 1982-83. But his new memories might be trumping the old ones, as he has guided his alma mater to the California state championship game four years in a row. Now, the Mounties are



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—Coffeyville CC coach Darian Dulin

riding a two-season, 23-game winning streak into the 2011 campaign. Jastrab (62-13 in six seasons) has lost 17 starters from last year's state championship team, but key players are expected to step up to continue a winning tradition. Offensive guard Visesio Salt (6-3, 350 pounds), linebacker Richard Thorpe (6-2, 230) and former UCLA defensive back E.J. Woods (6-2, 205) will lead a young team ready to defend its status as the best in California junior college football.

2 Mississippi Gulf Coast CC 10-2

Mississippi Gulf Coast has won big the last four seasons with a 41-7 overall mark. And the Bulldogs have sent players to BCS national championship teams the past two seasons. Cornerback Demond Washington and linebacker Eltoro Freeman from Auburn are Gulf Coast alumni, as is former Alabama All-America nose guard Terrence Cody.

While both lines need retooling at MGCC, there is talent elsewhere, including 6-1 wide receiver Javon Bell (46 catches, 1,313 yards, 17 TDs as a freshman) and 5-11, 205-pound James Gillum, who projects as a future pro. The offensive line will be built around center Dylan Holley (6-3, 308), who coach Steven Campbell says might be the best lineman he's ever coached. Campbell has spent time coaching offensive linemen at Auburn and Mississippi State.

3 Butler (Kan.) CC 11-1

After playing its home games at Galen Blackmore Stadium (built in 1933), Butler will finally get a well-deserved new stadium in 2012. However, the Grizzlies, the winningest NJCAA program since 2000, must do battle on the old stomping ground for a final season under 11th-year coach Troy Morrell (115-15). Only three starters return for the three-time NJCAA champions (2003, 2007-08), but running back Ben Axon, wide receiver Kendall Wrenn and cornerback Zach Miller should be impressive. Morrell and his coaching staff will fill in the gaps with 15 lettermen in hopes of another big season in El Dorado, Kan.



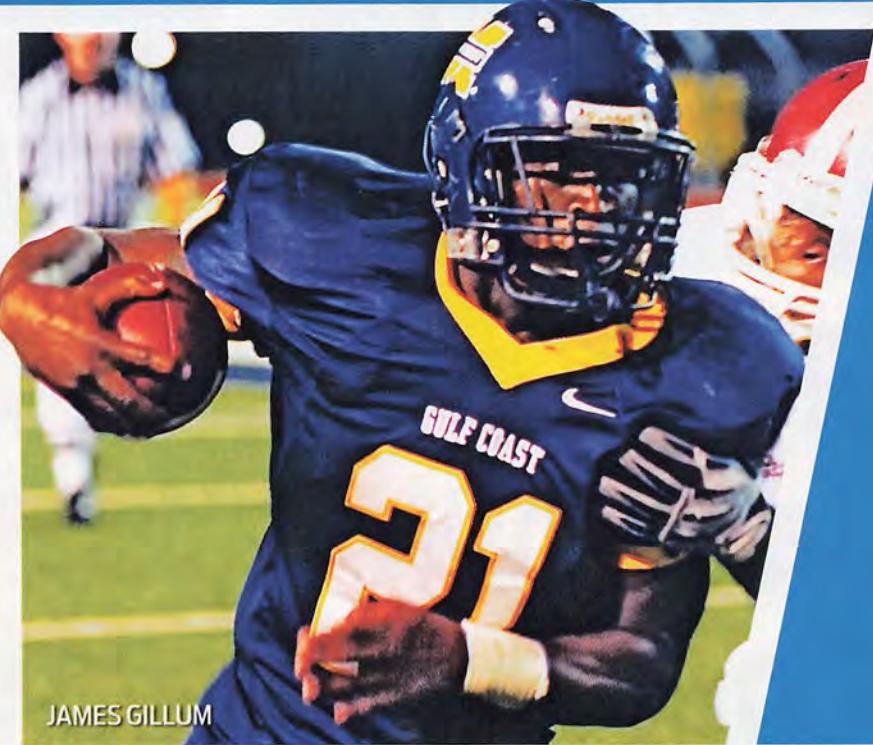
WASHINGTON



FREEMAN



CODY



JAMES GILLUM

SUPER SOPHOMORES

OFFENSE

| PLAYER | POSITION | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | SCHOOL |
|-----------------------|----------|--------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Willie Tindal | QB | 5-11 | 190 | Ellsworth (Iowa) |
| James Gillum | RB | 5-11 | 205 | Mississippi Gulf Coast |
| Marion Grice | RB | 6-0 | 210 | Blinn (Texas) |
| Damien Williams | RB | 6-1 | 215 | Arizona Western |
| Kevin Beard | OL | 6-6 | 345 | Lackawann (Pa.) |
| Dylan Holley | OL | 6-3 | 308 | Mississippi Gulf Coast |
| Will Latu | OL | 6-5 | 315 | College of the Canyons (Calif.) |
| Visesio Salt | OL | 6-3 | 350 | Mount San Antonio (Calif.) |
| Charles Siddoway | OL | 6-7 | 300 | Butte (Calif.) |
| Semisi Tupou | OL | 6-5 | 375 | Cerritos (Calif.) |
| Blake Jackson | TE | 6-4 | 235 | Scottsdale (Ariz.) |
| Javon Bell | WR | 6-1 | 180 | Mississippi Gulf Coast |
| Cordarrelle Patterson | WR | 6-4 | 197 | Hutchinson (Kan.) |

DEFENSE

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|-----------------|----|------|-----|---------------------------------|
| Calvin Barnett | DL | 6-3 | 300 | Navarro (Texas) |
| Ken Bishop | DL | 6-1 | 300 | Ellsworth (Iowa) |
| Morgan Breslin | DL | 6-3 | 245 | Diablo Valley (Calif.) |
| Iosia Iosia | DL | 6-6 | 260 | City College of San Francisco |
| Markus Golden | LB | 6-3 | 238 | Hutchinson (Kan.) |
| DJ Lemons | LB | 6-2 | 233 | DuPage (Ill.) |
| Richard Thorpe | LB | 6-2 | 230 | Mount San Antonio (Calif.) |
| Gerald Bowman | DB | 6-1 | 220 | Pierce (Calif.) |
| Joe Jackson | DB | 6-2 | 190 | Arizona Western |
| Zach Miller | DB | 5-10 | 180 | Butler (Kan.) |
| Cassius Sendish | DB | 6-1 | 190 | College of the Canyons (Calif.) |

SPECIALISTS

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|------|-----|---------------------|
| Colter Johnson | P | 6-5 | 215 | Alfred State (N.Y.) |
| Ryan Bustin | K | 5-11 | 160 | Kilgore (Texas) |
| Sadale Foster | RET | 5-9 | 190 | Riverside (Calif.) |
| Akeelie Mustafa | AP | 5-9 | 180 | Santa Ana (Calif.) |

4 City College of San Francisco 11-1

The CCSF coaching staff has a lot of advantages when it comes to recruiting players to the city by the Bay. After all, it is one of the world's premier destinations. Besides the obvious, players know they'll get to compete against some of the best teams in the junior college ranks, as CCSF plays in the über-competitive NorCal Conference. A year ago, the Rams fell to Mount San Antonio, 34-7, in the California state championship game. This season, look for big results from returning tight end Daniel McKinney (6-1, 235), center Olle Norberg (6-2, 305), linebacker Ruben Ibarra (6-1, 230), safety Blair Wishom (6-0, 200) and, perhaps the best of the lot, defensive end Iosia Iosia (6-6, 260).

5 Navarro College (Texas) 11-1

Corsicana, Texas, is known for two things: the fruitcakes at Colin Street Bakery and Navarro College football. The Bulldogs beat talented Butler (Kan.) CC in last season's NJCAA championship game (13-12) to conclude a sizzling three-year run (32-3) under coach Nick

Bobeck. With nine returning starters and a nice blend of transfers and freshmen, good times should abound in 2011. Tackle Calvin Barnett (6-3, 300) will lead a stout defensive line, but the secondary has some question marks. On offense, there is no go-to player at running back, but quarterback Adrian Nelson (6-4, 230) and wide receiver Marquez Clark (5-11, 185) should be difference-makers.

6 Butte CC (Calif.) 9-2

Butte has a rich history that counts Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (who played at BCC in 2002) among its alumni. And it plays in the highly touted NorCal Conference, which includes powerhouses City College of San Francisco and Foothill College. But Butte fell just short of an 11-0 record last season after conceding both of its losses in the final seconds of those games. This time around, with 40 redshirt freshmen primed for a breakout, Butte is teeming with depth. Running back Tromaine Dennis (6-1, 220), wide receiver Robert Jiles (6-0, 185) and former

Cal offensive tackle Charles Siddoway (6-7, 300) are the best of the returnees.

7 Grand Rapids (Mich.) CC 10-2

Grand Rapids doesn't offer full scholarships, but that doesn't mean it can't recruit some solid players. Over the past two seasons, it has lost only three games. And last year the team averaged 45.5 points with an eye-popping 30 interceptions, nine of which came from safety Tevin Kellum. With 50 returnees, including 15 starters, 17 four-year-school transfers and a decent freshman class, the Raiders should be loaded again. Keep an eye on Cincinnati transfer Cody Kater, a 6-4, 230-pound dual-threat quarterback, and brothers Dan and Nate Lindsey, transfers from NCAA Division II power Grand Valley State. Also returning are defensive back Demar Dorsey, left tackle Deshawn Byrd (6-5, 310) and wide receiver Jacob Payne (6-3, 220).

8 Ellsworth CC (Iowa) 8-3

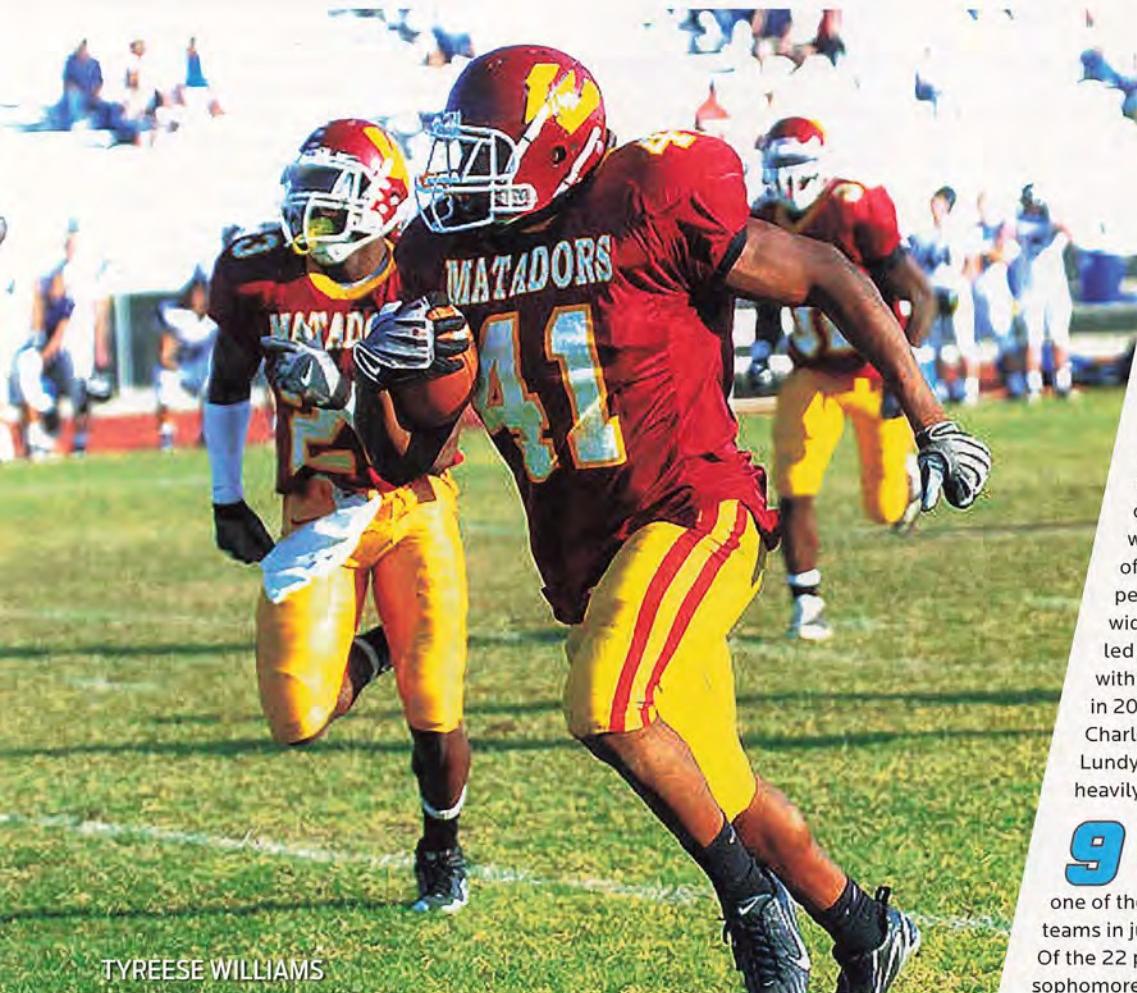
Former Ellsworth quarterback Mike Virden, who guided his team to a 1987

NJCAA title, actually makes a better coach than player, as he has guided Ellsworth to three successive 8-3 records. This season should be no different, as lots of experience returns (12 starters)—with a good mix of size and speed—to a talented roster highlighted by super sophomore Ken Bishop, a 6-1, 300-pound defensive tackle. Expect a stellar campaign from quarterback Willie Tindal, who led the NJCAA in total offense with 335.5 yards per game a year ago. Also, wide receiver Dexter Holmes led the team as a freshman with 65 catches for 972 yards in 2010. Defensive backs Chris Charles (6-0, 190) and Darby Lundy (6-0, 190) will contribute heavily on defense.

9 Arizona Western 10-2

Arizona Western has one of the most experienced teams in junior college football. Of the 22 projected starters, 19 are sophomores or redshirt sophomores.

TYREESE WILLIAMS



TOP JUCOS MOVING ON

OFFENSE

| PLAYER | POSITION | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | JUCO/COLLEGE CHOICE |
|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|---|
| Zach Mettenberger | QB | 6-5 | 245 | Butler (Kan.)/LSU |
| C.J. Anderson | RB | 5-9 | 205 | Laney (Calif.)/California |
| Reggie Bullock | RB | 5-9 | 185 | Arizona Western/East Carolina |
| John White | RB | 5-9 | 190 | Harbor (Calif.)/Utah |
| Jacob Fahrenkrug | OL | 6-4 | 320 | N.D. State College of Science/Florida State |
| Aaron Douglas | OL | 6-6 | 280 | Arizona Western/Alabama |
| Fou Fonoti | OL | 6-5 | 295 | Cerritos (Calif.)/Michigan State |
| David Garness | OL | 6-5 | 290 | City College of San Francisco/USC |
| Matt Williams | OL | 6-7 | 285 | North Dakota State/California |
| Jamal Mosley | TE | 6-4 | 250 | Northwest Mississippi/Ole Miss |
| Marcus Kennard | WR | 6-4 | 185 | Butler (Kan.)/Texas Tech |

DEFENSE

| | | | | |
|---------------------|----|-----|-----|---|
| Cornelius Carradine | DL | 6-5 | 245 | Butler (Kan.)/Florida State |
| John Jenkins | DL | 6-4 | 330 | Mississippi Gulf Coast/Georgia |
| Sheldon Richardson | DL | 6-4 | 290 | College of the Sequoias (Calif.)/Missouri |
| Jesse Williams | DL | 6-4 | 330 | Arizona Western/Alabama |
| Alex Elkins | LB | 6-4 | 233 | Blinn (Texas)/Oklahoma State |
| Josh Francis | LB | 6-2 | 215 | Lackawanna (Pa.)/West Virginia |
| Thomas Tutogi | LB | 6-1 | 235 | Southwestern (Calif.)/Washington |
| Keith McGill | DB | 6-4 | 215 | Cerritos (Calif.)/Utah |
| Byron Moore | DB | 6-1 | 205 | Harbor (Calif.)/Tennessee |
| Malcolm Murray | DB | 6-2 | 205 | Mount San Antonio (Calif.)/Cincinnati |
| Daimion Stafford | DB | 6-1 | 210 | Chaffey (Calif.)/Nebraska |

SPECIALISTS

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------|
| Chase Lansford | K/P | 6-2 | 205 | Santa Ana (Calif.)/UNLV |
| Rashad Ross | RET | 6-0 | 180 | Butte (Calif.)/Arizona State |
| Izauea Lanier | AP | 6-1 | 190 | East Mississippi/Tennessee |

OTHERS

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|--------------------|-----|------|-----|--|
| Michael Bowie | OL | 6-6 | 300 | Navarro (Texas)/Oklahoma State |
| Terran Buck | LB | 6-2 | 235 | DuPage (Ill.)/Central Florida |
| Josh Bugner | P | 6-5 | 235 | Scottsdale (Ariz.)/Arizona State |
| Joseph Carter | DE | 6-5 | 250 | Chaffey (Calif.)/Nebraska |
| Allen Chapman | DB | 5-11 | 180 | City College of San Francisco/Kansas State |
| Davon Coleman | DE | 6-2 | 260 | Fort Scott (Kan.)/Arizona State |
| Maurice Couch | DT | 6-2 | 295 | Garden City (Kan.)/Tennessee |
| Anthony Denham | WR | 6-6 | 215 | East Los Angeles/Utah |
| Quinton Dial | DE | 6-6 | 315 | East Mississippi/Alabama |
| Jared Ebert | DT | 6-5 | 285 | Iowa Western/Oregon |
| Bojay Filimoeatu | DE | 6-2 | 255 | Mount San Antonio (Calif.)/Utah State |
| Jeremy Galten | OL | 6-4 | 285 | San Mateo (Calif.)/USC |
| Uriah Grant | DT | 6-1 | 280 | Fullerton (Calif.)/Ole Miss |
| Chase Harper | TE | 6-4 | 260 | Navarro (Texas)/Texas State |
| D.J. Hayden | DB | 5-11 | 180 | Navarro (Texas)/Houston |
| Maurice Hayes | DT | 6-4 | 305 | Bakersfield (Calif.)/Oklahoma State |
| Dan Heiar | OL | 6-5 | 280 | Iowa Western/Iowa |
| Ryan Hofmeister | LB | 6-1 | 220 | Riverside (Calif.)/UCLA |
| Stephen Houston | RB | 5-11 | 225 | Independence (Kan.)/North Carolina |
| Princeton Jackson | LB | 6-2 | 230 | Blinn (Texas)/UNLV |
| Toby Jackson | DE | 6-5 | 265 | Navarro (Texas)/Central Florida |
| Steele Jantz | QB | 6-3 | 205 | City College of San Francisco/Iowa State |
| Nick Johnson | OL | 6-3 | 295 | Navarro (Texas)/Baylor |
| Mike Jeune | LB | 6-2 | 220 | Independence (Kan.)/South Florida |
| Ian Knight | DL | 6-2 | 244 | Butler (Kan.)/Washington State |
| Nigel Malone | DB | 5-10 | 185 | City College of San Francisco/Kansas State |
| Jason Peacock | OT | 6-5 | 305 | Citrus (Calif.)/Arkansas |
| Angelo Pease | ATH | 5-11 | 212 | Hutchinson (Kan.)/Kansas State |
| Gilbert Pena | DT | 6-4 | 315 | ASA (N.Y.)/Ole Miss |
| Wesley Pendleton | DB | 5-11 | 195 | Copiah-Lincoln (Miss.)/Ole Miss |
| John Rabe | TE | 6-4 | 240 | Ellsworth (Iowa)/Minnesota |
| Jaime Salazar | K | 6-0 | 200 | Trinity Valley (Texas)/Arizona |
| Joe Sampson | DB | 5-11 | 195 | San Mateo (Calif.)/BYU |
| Dextrell Simmons | DB | 6-0 | 210 | Blinn (Texas)/Boise State |
| Darius Slay | DB | 6-1 | 195 | Itawamba (Miss.)/Mississippi State |
| Zack Stoudt | QB | 6-5 | 225 | Iowa Western/Ole Miss |
| LaMarc Strahan | DT | 6-4 | 365 | Blinn (Texas)/Texas A&M |
| Robert Thomas | DT | 6-3 | 325 | Coffeyville (Kan.)/Arkansas |
| Justin Tuggle | QB | 6-3 | 225 | Blinn (Texas)/Kansas State |
| Rahsaan Vaughn | WR | 6-2 | 190 | San Mateo (Calif.)/Oregon |
| Jason Verrett | DB | 5-10 | 180 | Santa Rosa (Calif.)/TCU |
| Meshak Williams | DE | 6-3 | 231 | Hutchinson (Kan.)/Kansas State |
| Sylvester Williams | DT | 6-3 | 310 | Coffeyville (Kan.)/North Carolina |

The defense is highlighted by safety Joe Jackson, a 6-2, 190-pound Eastern Arizona transfer who redshirted last season. Other prominent defenders include tackle Calvin Tonga (6-4, 315) and linebackers Zachary Quines (6-3, 225) and Tyreeze Williams (6-3, 230). On offense, look for running back

Damien Williams (6-1, 215), who played behind NJCAA All-American Reggie Bullock last season, to shine. Williams rushed for 723 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns as a freshman, while adding 323 yards on kickoff returns. Just as important are center David Kelikuewa (6-3, 310) and wideout Josh Ford (6-3, 200).

10 Hutchinson (Kan.) CC 10-2

As the curtain came down on a 0-9 campaign in 2006, there was nowhere to go but up for the Blue Dragons. So that's what they've done under fourth-year coach Rion Rhoades, whose only two losses last season came from national powerhouse and conference colleague Butler CC. With 11 returning starters, expect Hutchinson to live large again in 2011 behind wide receiver Cordarrelle Patterson (6-4, 197), quarterback Elliott Alford, running back Derek Campbell and linebackers Markus Golden (6-3, 238) and Darius Stroud (6-3, 235). Running back Deveon Dinwiddie, wide receiver Jataivus Stewart and transfer cornerbacks Tony Grimes (Ole Miss) and Darius Morrow (El Camino CC) should also see significant playing time.

BEST OF THE REST

- 11 Riverside (Calif.) CC, 10-1
 - 12 Pearl River CC (Miss.), 6-3
 - 13 Fullerton (Calif.) CC, 7-4
 - 14 Foothill College (Calif.), 9-2
 - 15 Blinn College (Texas), 8-3
 - 16 El Camino CC (Calif.), 2-8
 - 17 Bakersfield (Calif.) College, 8-3
 - 18 College of San Mateo (Calif.), 8-3
 - 19 Lackawanna College (Pa.), 9-2
 - 20 Grossmont (Calif.) College, 6-5
 - 21 Santa Ana (Calif.) College, 9-2
 - 22 Georgia Military College, 6-3
 - 23 Fresno (Calif.) City College, 8-3
 - 24 Saddleback CC (Calif.), 8-3
 - 25 Nassau CC (N.Y.), 11-0
- (tie) Cerritos (Calif.) College, 9-3

FRESHMAN FRENZY

There's no end in sight to the trend of first-year players making instant impacts on big-time college football. Who'll be this year's Marcus Lattimore or Jake Heaps?

By Brian McLaughlin Sporting News

Now more than ever, it seems like freshmen are making an immediate impact on college football. For instance, two years ago—in the 2009 *Sporting News College Football Yearbook*, in this very same column—we introduced you to running back Marcus Lattimore of Duncan, S.C., and ran a nice-sized photo of him, along with a shot of quarterback Jake Heaps of Issaquah, Wash.

Lattimore went on to take Freshman All-America honors at South Carolina in 2010 and was a big reason the Gamecocks made it to the SEC Championship Game for the first time. Heaps was named MVP of BYU's win over UTEP in the New Mexico Bowl and broke a freshman season record for touchdown passes previously held by former Cougar great Ty Detmer.

Again, take those two true freshmen away from their teams, and the season goes differently for both programs. Gone are the days when an incoming freshman class was tagged, mothballed and stored on the shelf for the future or, at best, received only token playing time. Now, many incoming freshmen have already played on national television while in high school. They're used to pressure and media attention and have already gotten a good start on the physical training it takes to play in college.

Some even skip the second half of their senior years to start college early in order to get accustomed to the playbook and campus life. They're more prepared than

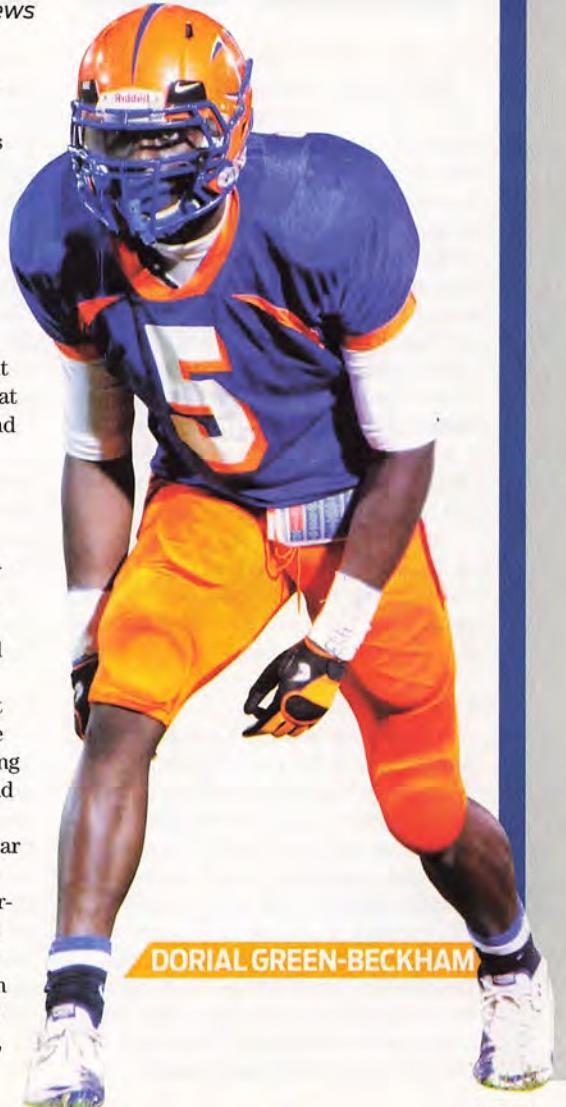
ever to play college football, and can be major contributors immediately.

So here we are, talking about the stars of the class of 2012. In two years, what choices will we be bragging about? And which player will disappear and become the one fans ask, "Whatever happened to ... ?"

There are a couple who are hard to ignore in the class of 2012, but one stands out above all the rest. Just about all recruiting analysts seem to agree that Dorial Green-Beckham, a 6-6, 220-pound wide receiver out of Springfield, Mo., is one of the most impressive-looking prospects that has come out of high school in a long time.

Get ready for this stat line from Green-Beckham's junior season: 78 receptions, 1,706 yards, 22 yards per catch and 15 touchdowns. Even at his size, he's a good track-and-field sprinter, giving fans an inkling of what they might see at the next level. There is no obvious college favorite for Green-Beckham, so count on that being a big topic of discussion between now and National Signing Day in February.

In terms of position depth, after a year or two of relatively average crops, the cupboard seems full of big-time quarterbacks this year. The offensive line also has several elite-level prospects, while the defensive line appears stocked with talent, too. Cornerback, a position that seems in most years to be full of talent, looks a bit down, however.



DORIAL GREEN-BECKHAM

THE CLASS OF 2012

► QUARTERBACKS

Matt Davis just has that “it” personality when it comes to the QB position. He’s an extrovert to the 10th degree, which translates to the kind of leadership a college coach covets at the position. Davis is used to playing out of the shotgun and, once he recovers fully from a knee injury incurred last year, he’ll be flying around the field for his senior campaign. There are several outstanding signal-callers in this class—**Connor Brewer**, **Zeke Pike** and **Gunner Kiel**—but Davis is truly elite. He committed to Texas A&M in mid-April after considering Auburn, Texas A&M, LSU and Oklahoma State.

“My style of play ... I think I get better as the game goes on,” Davis says. “From the first snap, I always try to come out and make plays, but once I feel like people are getting tired, that’s when I excel.”

► RUNNING BACKS

If fans in Texas didn’t know **Johnathan Gray**’s name before last fall, they are aware of him now. He rushed for a state record of 59 touchdowns last fall as a junior—no small task in a hotbed state that has produced such greats as Ricky Williams and Earl Campbell. Interestingly, Gray is no lock to sign with Texas, but has made it known that the Longhorns, Texas A&M and TCU are the only schools he is seriously considering. ... Already committed to Florida and Charlie Weis’ offense, **Matt Jones** is one

of the most coveted running backs in this year’s class, thanks to his size (6-3, 210 pounds). While not a back who’s going to run a sub-4.5-second time, he’s agile for a big guy. ... **Keith Marshall** has been highly thought of for so long that he has already been invited to the 2012 Under Armour All-America Game. His lengthy list of scholarship offers includes Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Notre Dame, Penn State, South Carolina and USC, plus all of the BCS programs in his home state of North Carolina. He is lightning-fast, routinely recording in the 4.3-to-4.4-second range in the 40-yard dash. What makes him an elite prospect, however, is that he’s also powerful. “I grew up watching my favorite players rather than my favorite teams, so I watched USC because of Reggie Bush and Georgia because of Knowshon Moreno,” Marshall says.

► WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS

University of South Carolina freshman Jadeveon Clowney received a lot of attention last year for his remarkable size and talent at defensive end, and **Dorial Green-Beckham** is a wideout who may produce just as much hype as Clowney did. Green-Beckham seems to defy all the odds. The 6-6 target has put up insane numbers at Hillcrest (Mo.) High over the past three seasons, catching 170 passes for more than 4,000 yards and 51 touchdowns. He also runs blazing 100-meter and 200-meter times in track

and field. It seems that no matter what this blue-chipper does, he excels at it quickly. ... Oaks Christian in Westlake Village, Calif., is routinely stacked with top prospects, and this year the big man on campus is **Jordan Payton**. Over the past two seasons, he has used his 4.5 speed to catch 106 passes for nearly 2,000 yards and 27 touchdowns. He was one of the favorite targets for current Washington quarterback Nick Montana in 2009, when the QB was still at Oaks Christian and Payton was just a sophomore. Payton has already committed to USC, though he’s still checking out other schools. “The reason why I’m so highly recruited is because of how physical I play,” Payton says. “I’m very well-rounded. I could be a variation of things—a down-the-field threat, possession receiver or just a balanced receiver, which I pride myself in being.”

► OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Arik Armstead is already getting elite recruiting attention, which can be expected when you’re an athletic 6-8, 275-pound offensive lineman. Look for him to become a household name come Signing Day ... **Ty Darlington** has started since his freshman year at Apopka (Fla.) High and has more than 30 scholarship offers. Schools such as Florida State, Oklahoma, Virginia Tech and Auburn are watching this heady center closely and appear to be early favorites. ... With more than a dozen scholarship offers already, **J.J. Denman** of Fairless Hills, Pa., is a tackle who is turning heads. Penn State, West Virginia and Rutgers would love to keep him nearby, but Notre Dame is also in the mix for the Pennsbury star. ... The question isn’t which BCS school has offered Arizonan **Andrus Peat** an athletic grant; it’s which ones haven’t. Several Pac-12 programs would love to keep him close to home—but his brother, Todd, will play at Nebraska this fall, which could be a deciding factor. ... Another family tie could prove decisive in the recruitment of **John Theus**, whose brother, Nathan, will play for Georgia this fall. As a result, coach Mark Richt’s Bulldogs will have a good shot of landing this star lineman out of Jacksonville (Fla.) Bolles. All of the Florida powerhouses are also in the hunt.

► ATHLETES

Kenyan Drake, arguably the top prospect in Georgia, could play running back, receiver or somewhere on defense at Alabama, where he has committed.

Drake rushed for 1,800 yards and 20 touchdowns as a junior, so running back suits him—and he loves the Crimson Tide and coach Nick Saban. "(Saban's) a great, respectable guy," Drake says. "He might seem intimidating in a sense, but I feel very comfortable when I speak with him, and that was a main reason why I chose Alabama." ... Drake is not the only multidimensional out-of-state star on this list to choose the Crimson Tide. Panama City Beach (Fla.) product **Eddie Williams** will also bring his talents to Tuscaloosa. Whether he ends up at safety or at a skill position on offense, he's going to make an impact on SEC opponents.

► DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Danny O'Brien, a 6-3, 280-pound tackling machine who has made 153 stops over the last two seasons, is looking at offers from Illinois, Michigan, Michigan State, Pittsburgh and Tennessee so far. He's adept at causing fumbles and then turning them into touchdowns. "(Coaches say) they like my first step off the ball, and my quickness and my effort until the whistle is blown," O'Brien says. ... How good is **Jordan Watkins**? Try 32 scholarship offers, all before April of his junior year. He has attracted attention from every corner of the country—and just about every SEC school would like to land him. Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma and Ohio State are just a few of the big-time schools pursuing him. He's intelligent (his father graduated from MIT), hard-working, intense and has the physical presence to succeed at the next level. "Coaches really like my versatility," Watkins says. "I can play both end and tackle, which would allow (teams) to move me around on the field and change defensive packages without bringing different people from the sideline, hinting at what defensive package we are about to get in."

► DEFENSIVE ENDS

Arguably the top end in this year's class, **Mario Edwards** did something most Texas blue-chippers don't do—leave the state. Sorry, Longhorns, Aggies, Red Raiders and Horned Frogs fans, Edwards will be making his sacks at the next level for Florida State. While some of the other top ends in this class rely primarily on speed to excel at this position, Edwards has a nice balance of strength, size, speed and quickness. "I'm going to give 110 percent every play," Edwards says. "What I think will make me a good player

in college is my ability to chase from the back side, and my pass rush." ... **Noah Spence** is a talented pass rusher from Harrisburg, Pa., who could end up staying close to home at a school like Penn State, or head across the country to USC. Most of the SEC wants him, too.

► LINEBACKERS

The scouting report on **Tim Cole** is pretty consistent: He's an incredible talent that has only just begun to realize how good he can be. Speed is his main asset, and that's what got him his coveted offer from Texas (which he accepted) and also why schools like Arkansas, Florida, Oklahoma, Nebraska and USC have come calling from out of state. "What coaches love about me is my vision and knack for the ball, and my sideline-to-sideline speed and how I'm a good downhill runner," Cole says. "I can fill holes and blitz really well. I believe my career will blossom at the next level because I'm determined and I don't accept failure. I continue to stay hungry and humble." ... Some experts project **Kaiwan Lewis** as an inside linebacker, while others see him on the outside. No matter where he plays, he's going to be a demon on defense—and his playmaking skills last fall helped him rack up 10 sacks, three forced fumbles, a blocked punt and an interception return for a score. Though he's from New Jersey, Lewis has made it known that he wouldn't be opposed to playing his college football in the South. Schools like Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia are challenging nearby favorites Connecticut, Boston College and Rutgers for his talents. With 20-plus offers, he'll have plenty of options. "Coaches say they love my ability to use my hands to get off blocks and the hard hits," Lewis says. "They like my speed at the position. Also, they like my leadership role and my attitude." ... **Reggie Ragland** of Madison, Ala., caught the eye of both in-state SEC powers and, just before New Year's Day, ended his recruitment and chose Alabama over Auburn. "Coaches love that I am a student of the game, that I always know what's going on and I read defenses well," Ragland says. "I have speed for a guy my size and I get off the blocks good." ... **Kwon Alexander** is another Alabaman, but the playmaking backer hasn't made up his mind yet. Alabama and Auburn are among the schools to offer him, as are most of the

nation's top programs.

► DEFENSIVE BACKS

Landon Collins lives in LSU's backyard, but Alabama, Tennessee and USC sure would love to raid Geismar, La., to nab this talented safety away from the Tigers. Still, it would be hard to imagine any of them pulling him out of the Bayou. ...

Stefon Diggs is a multitalented athlete who will be able to impact the college game at safety, cornerback, receiver or perhaps even running back. For now, we'll group him with the defensive backs, but that could change. He's an Olney, Md., product, and nearby schools such as Virginia Tech, Rutgers and Pitt should be considered potential threats to land him, as well as nearby Maryland under new coach Randy Edsall. The rest of the nation's powers won't stop trying to nab him, however. ... **Shaquille Thompson** lives right up the highway from Berkeley, so the Bears should be considered the early favorites for him, but don't count out USC, UCLA or Oregon.

► KICKERS/PUNTERS

It's not often a kicker/punter gets so much attention this early. Usually, college coaches wait to evaluate the specialists until after they're finished breaking down the position players. **Marshall Morgan**, though, has been too special to ignore. He has already committed to Georgia, but Florida, Florida State and Virginia Tech also made offers. He was 15-of-16 on field goals as a junior, with a long of 53 yards. He also averaged 43 yards per punt and boomed all but three of his kickoffs through the end zone for touchbacks.



JOHNATHAN GRAY

ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM

| POS | PLAYER | HT/WT | SCHOOL | CITY, STATE | VERBAL |
|----------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| OFFENSE | | | | | |
| QB | Matt Davis | 6-2/200 | Klein Forest | Houston | Texas A&M |
| RB | Johnathan Gray | 5-11/195 | Aledo | Aledo (Texas) | Uncommitted |
| RB | Keith Marshall | 5-11/190 | Millbrook | Raleigh (N.C.) | Uncommitted |
| RB | Matt Jones | 6-3/210 | Armwood | Seffner (Fla.) | Florida |
| WR | Dorial Green-Beckham | 6-6/220 | Hillcrest | Springfield (Mo.) | Uncommitted |
| WR | Jordan Payton | 6-2/190 | Oaks Christian | Westlake Village (Calif.) | USC |
| OL | Arik Armstead | 6-8/275 | Pleasant Grove | Elk Grove (Calif.) | USC |
| OL | Ty Darlington | 6-3/275 | Apopka | Apopka (Fla.) | Uncommitted |
| OL | J.J. Denman | 6-7/310 | Pennsbury | Fairless Hills (Pa.) | Uncommitted |
| OL | Andrus Peat | 6-7/280 | Corona Del Sol | Tempe (Ariz.) | Uncommitted |
| OL | John Theus | 6-6/290 | Bolles | Jacksonville (Fla.) | Uncommitted |
| ATH | Kenyan Drake | 6-1/190 | Hillgrove | Powder Springs, Ga. | Alabama |
| PK/P | Marshall Morgan | 6-3/200 | McCarthy | Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) | Georgia |
| DEFENSE | | | | | |
| DE | Mario Edwards | 6-4/270 | Ryan | Denton (Texas) | Florida State |
| DE | Noah Spence | 6-4/240 | Bishop McDevitt | Harrisburg (Pa.) | Uncommitted |
| DT | Danny O'Brien | 6-3/280 | Powers Catholic | Flint (Mich.) | Uncommitted |
| DT | Jordan Watkins | 6-5/255 | Woodward Acad. | College Park (Ga.) | Uncommitted |
| LB | Kwon Alexander | 6-2/215 | Oxford | Oxford (Ala.) | Uncommitted |
| LB | Tim Cole | 6-2/215 | Brenham | Brenham (Texas) | Texas |
| LB | Kaiwan Lewis | 6-2/230 | St. Joseph | Hampton (N.J.) | Uncommitted |
| LB | Reggie Ragland | 6-4/245 | Bob Jones | Madison (Ala.) | Alabama |
| DB | Landon Collins | 6-0/200 | Dutchtown | Geismar (La.) | Uncommitted |
| DB | Stefon Diggs | 6-0/185 | Good Counsel | Olney (Md.) | Uncommitted |
| DB | Shaquille Thompson | 6-1/185 | Grant Union | Sacramento (Calif.) | Uncommitted |
| ATH | Eddie Williams | 6-4/205 | Arnold | Panama City Beach (Fla.) | Alabama |

ALL-AMERICA SECOND TEAM

| POS | PLAYER | HT/WT | SCHOOL | CITY, STATE | VERBAL |
|----------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| OFFENSE | | | | | |
| QB | Connor Brewer | 6-2/195 | Chaparral | Scottsdale (Ariz.) | Texas |
| RB | Brionte Dunn | 6-1/215 | GlenOak | Canton (Ohio) | Ohio State |
| RB | KeiVarae Russell | 6-0/170 | Mariner | Everett (Wash.) | Uncommitted |
| RB | Rushel Shell | 5-11/215 | Hopewell | Aliquippa (Pa.) | Uncommitted |
| WR | Cayleb Jones | 6-3/190 | Austin | Austin (Texas) | Texas |
| WR | D'vario Montgomery | 6-2/205 | Winter Park | Winter Park (Fla.) | Uncommitted |
| OL | Brandon Fanaika | 6-3/295 | Pleasant Grove | Pleasant Grove (Utah) | Uncommitted |
| OL | Josh Garnett | 6-5/275 | Puyallup | Puyallup (Wash.) | Uncommitted |
| OL | D.J. Humphries | 6-6/265 | Mallard Creek | Charlotte (N.C.) | Uncommitted |
| OL | Jordan Simmons | 6-5/325 | Crespi Carmelite | Encino (Calif.) | Uncommitted |
| ATH | Jaydon Mickens | 5-9/180 | Dorsey | Los Angeles | Committed to USC |
| PK/P | Roberto Aguayo | 6-0/185 | South Lake | Groveland (Fla.) | Florida State |
| DEFENSE | | | | | |
| DE | Faith Ekakite | 6-2/275 | Lake Forest Acad. | Lake Forest (Ill.) | Uncommitted |
| DE | Channing Ward | 6-4/230 | Aberdeen | Aberdeen (Miss.) | Uncommitted |
| DT | Malcom Brown | 6-2/280 | Brenham | Brenham (Texas) | Texas |
| DT | Dalvon Stuckey | 6-3/295 | Walton | DeFuniak Springs (Fla.) | Florida State |
| LB | Keith Brown | 6-1/215 | Norland | Miami | Miami |
| LB | Peter Jinkens | 6-1/210 | Skyline | Dallas | Texas |
| LB | Ronnie Feist | 6-1/215 | West St. John | Edgard (La.) | LSU |
| LB | Shakeel Rashad | 6-2/215 | Episcopal | Jacksonville (Fla.) | North Carolina |
| DB | Nelson Agholor | 6-1/175 | Berkeley Prep | Tampa (Fla.) | Uncommitted |
| DB | Ronald Darby | 5-11/175 | Potomac | OXon Hill (Md.) | Uncommitted |
| DB | Brian Poole | 5-11/185 | Southeast | Bradenton (Fla.) | Uncommitted |
| ATH | Eli Harold | 6-3/215 | Ocean Lakes | Virginia Beach, Va. | Uncommitted |

THE NEXT 200 PROSPECTS

| POS | PLAYER | HT/WT | CITY | SCHOOL |
|-----|-------------------|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| DB | Willie Bailey | 6-1/165 | Hallandale, Fla. | Hallandale |
| DB | Travis Blanks | 6-1/180 | Tallahassee, Fla. | North Florida Christian |
| DB | Devan Bogard | 6-0/190 | Cleveland | Glenville |
| DB | Deion Bonner | 5-11/185 | Columbus, Ga. | Carver |
| DB | Kelton Brackett | 5-11/175 | Eight Mile, Ala. | Blount |
| DB | Bam Bradley | 6-2/200 | Trotwood, Ohio | Trotwood-Madison |
| DB | Deon Bush | 6-1/165 | Miami | Columbus |
| DB | Alex Carter | 6-1/185 | Ashburn, Va. | Briar Woods |
| DB | T.J. Davis | 6-0/175 | Tallahassee, Fla. | Godby |
| DB | Jordan Diggs | 6-0/190 | Fort Myers, Fla. | Bishop Verot |
| DB | Bryson Echols | 6-0/175 | DeSoto, Texas | DeSoto |
| DB | Chaz Elder | 6-2/175 | College Park, Ga. | Banneker |
| DB | Trae Elston | 6-0/175 | Oxford, Ala. | Oxford |
| DB | Tracy Howard | 6-0/170 | Miramar, Fla. | Miramar |
| DB | Jaylen Johnson | 5-11/185 | Washington, D.C. | St. John's College High |
| DB | Rhaheim Ledbetter | 5-11/190 | Shelby, N.C. | Crest |
| DB | Amos Leggett | 6-0/175 | Miami | Gulliver Prep |
| DB | Donaldven Manning | 5-11/155 | Miami | Edison |
| DB | LaDarrell McNeil | 6-1/185 | Dallas | A. Maceo Smith |
| DB | Wayne Morgan | 5-10/190 | Brooklyn, N.Y. | Erasmus Hall Campus |
| DB | Juan Neloms | 6-1/180 | Tallahassee, Fla. | Leon |
| DB | Edward Pope | 6-3/175 | Carthage, Texas | Carthage |
| DB | Nick Rallis | 6-0/200 | Edina, Minn. | Edina |
| DB | Armani Reeves | 5-11/180 | West Roxbury, Mass. | Catholic Memorial |
| DB | Terry Richardson | 5-9/160 | Detroit | Cass Tech |
| DB | Rod Willie Ross | 5-9/165 | Helena, Ark. | Central |
| DB | Kendall Sanders | 6-0/175 | Athens, Texas | Athens |
| DB | Tee Shepard | 6-1/175 | Fresno, Calif. | Central East |
| DB | Elijah Shumate | 6-1/185 | Ramsey, N.J. | Don Bosco Prep |
| DB | D.J. Singleton | 6-3/200 | Jersey City, N.J. | St. Peters Prep |
| DB | Geno Smith | 6-0/165 | Atlanta | St Pius X School |
| DB | Justin Thomas | 5-9/160 | Orange, Texas | West Orange-Stark |
| DB | D.J. White | 5-11/180 | McDonough, Ga. | Union Grove |
| DB | P.J. Williams | 6-1/175 | Ocala, Fla. | Vanguard |
| DB | Patrick Wooten | 5-10/190 | Gardena, Calif. | Junipero Serra |
| DB | Tony Wright | 5-10/175 | Chester, S.C. | Chester |
| DE | Martin Aiken | 6-3/240 | Bamberg, S.C. | Bamberg-Ehrhardt |
| DE | DeForest Buckner | 6-7/230 | Honolulu | Punahoa |
| DE | Chris Casher | 6-4/225 | Mobile, Ala. | Faith Academy |
| DE | Ken Ekanem | 6-3/225 | Clifton, Va. | Centreville |
| DE | Leonard Floyd | 6-4/215 | Eastman, Ga. | Dodge County |
| DE | Dante Fowler | 6-3/220 | St. Petersburg, Fla. | Lakewood |
| DE | Caleb Gulledge | 6-4/255 | Prattville, Ala. | Prattville |
| DE | Darius Hamilton | 6-4/245 | Ramsey, N.J. | Don Bosco Prep |
| DE | Quayvon Hicks | 6-2/255 | Blackshear, Ga. | Pierce County |
| DE | Troy Hinds | 6-4/225 | Kaysville, Utah | Davis |
| DE | Allen Jackson | 6-5/225 | Owings Mills, Md. | McDonogh |
| DE | Jordan Jenkins | 6-3/235 | Hamilton, Ga. | Harris County |
| DE | Jarontay Jones | 6-3/235 | Stone Mountain, Ga. | Stephenson |
| DE | Eric Kinsey | 6-3/215 | Hollywood, Fla. | Chaminade |
| DE | Terrell Lathan | 6-4/230 | West Monroe, La. | West Monroe |
| DE | Javonte Magee | 6-5/275 | San Antonio | Sam Houston |

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|----|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| DE | Greg McMullen | 6-5/255 | Akron, Ohio | Hoban |
| DE | Michael Moore | 6-4/245 | Hyattsville, Md. | DeMatha |
| DE | Joshua Posley | 6-1/235 | Indianapolis | Warren Central |
| DE | Tom Strobel | 6-6/240 | Mentor, Ohio | Mentor |
| DE | Ian Taubler | 6-4/235 | Fresno, Calif. | Bullard |
| DE | Adolphus Washington | 6-3/230 | Cincinnati | Taft |
| DE | Brent Wilkerson | 6-4/245 | Hyattsville, Md. | DeMatha |
| DE | Christopher Wormley | 6-4/255 | Toledo, Ohio | Whitmer |
| DT | Dakota Ball | 6-2/285 | Lindale, Ga. | Pepperell |
| DT | Gerron Borne | 6-3/275 | Reserve, La. | East St. John |
| DT | Quay Evans | 6-3/295 | Morton, Miss. | Morton |
| DT | Eddie Goldman | 6-4/310 | Washington, D.C. | Friendship |
| DT | Isaac Gross | 6-3/170 | Batesville, Miss. | South Panola |
| DT | Jelani Hamilton | 6-4/245 | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. | St. Thomas Aquinas |
| DT | K'Hadree Hooker | 6-1/290 | Deep Run, N.C. | South Lenoir |
| DT | Joey Hunt | 6-3/270 | El Campo, Texas | El Campo |
| DT | Jarron Jones | 6-6/305 | Rochester, N.Y. | Aquinas Institute |
| DT | JaFar Mann | 6-3/265 | Stone Mountain, Ga. | Stephenson |
| DT | Omari Phillips | 6-5/270 | Venice, Fla. | Venice |
| DT | Jamil Pollard | 6-5/280 | Westville, N.J. | West Deptford |
| DT | Tommy Schutt | 6-3/300 | Glen Elyn, Ill. | Glenbard West |
| DT | Justin Shanks | 6-2/255 | Prattville, Ala. | Prattville |
| DT | Mike Shoff | 6-6/290 | Cambridge, Neb. | Cambridge |
| DT | Jonathan Taylor | 6-4/315 | Millen, Ga. | Jenkins County |
| DT | Vincent Valentine | 6-3/300 | Edwardsville, Ill. | Edwardsville |
| DT | Quintez Williams | 6-5/250 | Atlanta | Westlake |
| LB | Jeremiah Allison | 6-1/190 | Los Angeles | Dorsey |
| LB | Vince Biegel | 6-3/210 | Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. | Lincoln |
| LB | Joe Bolden | 6-2/210 | Cincinnati | Colerain |
| LB | T.J. Burrell | 6-0/190 | Goose Creek, S.C. | Goose Creek |
| LB | Trey Edmunds | 6-2/200 | Ringgold, Va. | Dan River |
| LB | Dominique Gibson | 5-10/190 | Belle Glade, Fla. | Glades Central |
| LB | Trey Granier | 6-1/225 | Thibodaux, La. | Thibodaux |
| LB | Dillon Lee | 6-4/220 | Buford, Ga. | Buford |
| LB | Kwontie Moore | 6-1/240 | Norfolk, Va. | Norfolk Christian |
| LB | Brian Nance | 6-3/215 | Euless, Texas | Trinity |
| LB | Butch Pauu | 6-1/215 | Anaheim, Calif. | Servite |
| LB | Josh Perry | 6-4/230 | Galena, Ohio | Olentangy |
| LB | Savon Pittman | 6-5/235 | Canton, Ohio | McKinley |
| LB | Kaleb Ringer | 6-0/220 | Clayton, Ohio | Northmont |
| LB | Deaysean Rippy | 6-2/200 | McKees Rocks, Pa. | Sto Rox |
| LB | Juwon Rogers | 6-0/230 | Amite, La. | Amite |
| LB | Michael Rose | 6-0/210 | Kansas City, Mo. | Rockhurst |
| LB | James Ross | 6-0/210 | Orchard Lake, Mich. | St. Mary's |
| LB | Dalton Santos | 6-2/235 | Van, Texas | Van |
| LB | Michael Scherer | 6-4/230 | St. Louis | Mary Inst. Country Day |
| LB | Jeremiah Tshimanga | 6-3/210 | North Richland Hills, Texas | Richland |
| OL | Vadal Alexander | 6-5/320 | Buford, Ga. | Buford |
| OL | Zach Banner | 6-9/310 | Lakewood, Wash. | Lakes |
| OL | Evan Boehm | 6-3/290 | Lee's Summit, Mo. | Lee's Summit West |
| OL | Shane Callahan | 6-6/260 | Parker, Col. | Chaparral |
| OL | Jordan Diamond | 6-6/290 | Chicago | Simeon |
| OL | Zach Hemmila | 6-3/275 | Chandler, Ariz. | Chandler |
| OL | Josh Hess | 6-7/285 | Richlands, Va. | Richlands |
| OL | Win Homer | 6-5/240 | Christiansburg, Va. | Christiansburg School |
| OL | Oliver Jones | 6-6/285 | Ninety Six, S.C. | Ninety Six |
| OL | Kyle Kalis | 6-5/300 | Lakewood, Ohio | St. Edward |
| OL | Kelby Latta | 6-4/295 | Battle Creek, Mich. | Harper Creek |
| OL | Mac Long | 6-4/275 | Edna, Texas | Edna |
| OL | Joe Manley | 6-6/310 | Bowling Green, Ky. | Bowling Green |
| OL | Kyle Marrs | 6-6/300 | San Antonio | Brandeis |
| OL | John McGee | 6-4/255 | Texarkana, Texas | Texas |
| OL | Chris Muller | 6-6/290 | Boyertown, Pa. | Boyertown Area |
| OL | Christian Okafor | 6-6/310 | Houston | Westbury |
| OL | Caleb Peterson | 6-4/295 | Auburn, Ala. | Auburn |
| OL | D.J. Reader | 6-4/315 | Greensboro, N.C. | Grimsley |
| OL | Curtis Riser | 6-4/275 | DeSoto, Texas | DeSoto |
| OL | Brock Stadnik | 6-5/285 | Greensboro, N.C. | Western Guilford |
| OL | Ronnie Stanley | 6-7/285 | Las Vegas | Bishop Gorman |
| OL | Freddie Tagaloa | 6-8/300 | Richmond, Calif. | Salesian |
| OL | Fernando Villanueva | 6-6/280 | San Jose, Calif. | Independence |
| OL | Dan Voltz | 6-5/290 | Hoffman Estates, Ill. | Barrington |
| OL | Avery Young | 6-6/275 | Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. | Palm Beach Gardens |
| QB | Anthony Alford | 6-1/205 | Petal, Miss. | Petal |

THE NEXT 200 PROSPECTS

| POS | PLAYER | HT/WT | CITY | SCHOOL | RB | Daniel Taylor | 5-7/165 | Lutcher, La. | Lutcher |
|-----|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------------------|----|------------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------|
| QB | Jeremiah Briscoe | 6-3/200 | Houston | Second Baptist | RB | Trey Williams | 5-8/175 | Spring, Texas | Dekaney |
| QB | Tyler Cameron | 6-3/210 | Jupiter, Fla. | Jupiter | RB | Tim Wright | 5-9/180 | La Marque, Texas | La Marque |
| QB | Casey Cochran | 6-0/230 | Monroe, Conn. | Masuk | RB | T.J. Yeldon | 6-2/205 | Daphne, Ala. | Daphne |
| QB | Bennie Coney | 6-2/205 | Plant City, Fla. | Plant City | TE | Jalen Cope-Fitzpatrick | 6-4/260 | Rocklin, Calif. | Whitney |
| QB | Gray Crow | 6-3/220 | Clearwater, Fla. | Countryside | TE | Orlando David | 6-3/215 | Hollywood, Fla. | Chaminade |
| QB | Cedric Dozier | 5-11/175 | Lakewood, Wash. | Lakes | TE | Kelvin Rainey | 6-3/205 | Yulee, Fla. | Yulee |
| QB | Gunnar Holcombe | 6-3/215 | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. | University School | TE | Colin Thompson | 6-5/245 | Warminster, Pa. | Archbishop Wood |
| QB | Bart Houston | 6-3/190 | Concord, Calif. | De La Salle | WR | Bralon Addison | 5-10/180 | Missouri City, Texas | Hightower |
| QB | Jared Johnson | 6-1/200 | Grand Prairie, Texas | South Grand Prairie | WR | Chris Black | 5-11/160 | Jacksonville, Fla. | First Coast |
| QB | Gunner Kiel | 6-4/220 | Columbus, Ind. | East | WR | Drae Bowles | 6-1/200 | Jackson, Tenn. | Jackson Christian |
| QB | Zach Kline | 6-2/190 | Danville, Calif. | San Ramon Valley | WR | Marvin Bracy | 6-0/190 | Orlando, Fla. | Boone |
| QB | Trevor Knight | 6-2/190 | San Antonio | Reagan | WR | Zac Brooks | 6-2/180 | Jonesboro, Ark. | Jonesboro |
| QB | Greyson Lambert | 6-5/185 | Jesup, Ga. | Wayne County | WR | Joel Caleb | 6-2/185 | Midlothian, Va. | Clover Hill |
| QB | Jeff Lindquist | 6-3/225 | Mercer Island, Wash. | Mercer Island | WR | Leonte Carroo | 6-2/195 | Ramsey, N.J. | Don Bosco Prep |
| QB | Maty Mauk | 6-2/185 | Kenton, Ohio | Kenton | WR | Corey Coleman | 5-11/180 | Richardson, Texas | Pearce |
| QB | Skyler Mornhinweg | 6-3/190 | Philadelphia | St. Joseph's | WR | C.J. Curry | 6-2/185 | Gainesville, Ga. | North Hall |
| QB | Kaleb Nobles | 5-8/175 | Fitzgerald, Ga. | Fitzgerald | WR | Amara Darboh | 6-2/190 | West Des Moines, Iowa | Dowling |
| QB | Zeke Pike | 6-5/220 | Edgewood, Ky. | Dixie Heights | WR | Travin Dural | 6-2/170 | Breaux Bridge, La. | Breaux Bridge |
| QB | Justin Thomas | 5-11/175 | Prattville, Ala. | Prattville | WR | Jody Fuller | 6-0/185 | Monroe, N.C. | Sun Valley |
| QB | Chad Voytik | 6-0/185 | Cleveland, Tenn. | Cleveland | WR | Kianté Griffin | 6-0/195 | Carrollton, Texas | Hebron |
| QB | Jameis Winston | 6-4/190 | Hueytown, Ala. | Hueytown | WR | Angelo Jean-Louis | 6-0/185 | Wellington, Fla. | Palm Beach Central |
| RB | Warren Ball | 6-2/200 | Columbus, Ohio | St. Francis DeSales | WR | Avery Johnson | 6-2/180 | Pompano Beach, Fla. | Ely |
| RB | Tommy Branch | 6-1/195 | Wake Forest, N.C. | Wake Forest-Rolesville | WR | Thomas Johnson | 5-11/180 | Dallas | Skyline |
| RB | Imani Cross | 6-1/220 | Gainesville, Ga. | North Hall | WR | Eugene Lewis | 6-2/180 | Plymouth, Pa. | Wyoming Valley |
| RB | Greg Garmon | 6-1/190 | Erie, Pa. | McDowell | WR | Tremane McCullough | 5-8/155 | Royal Palm Beach, Fla. | Royal Palm Beach |
| RB | Drew Harris | 6-2/195 | Exton, Pa. | Downington East | WR | Deontay McManus | 6-0/210 | Baltimore | Dunbar |
| RB | Trent Jackson | 5-10/195 | Cuero, Texas | Cuero | WR | Davonte Neal | 5-10/170 | Scottsdale, Ariz. | Chaparral |
| RB | Vonte Jackson | 6-0/175 | Kenosha, Wis. | Bradford | WR | Ruhann Peele | 6-1/170 | Linden, N.J. | Linden |
| RB | Randy Johnson | 5-9/170 | Miami | Norland | WR | LaTroy Pittman | 6-1/190 | Citra, Fla. | North Marion |
| RB | Cyrus Jones | 5-11/185 | Baltimore | Gilman School | WR | Jaevon Richardson | 6-1/170 | Baytown, Texas | Baytown Lee |
| RB | Malin Jones | 6-2/190 | Naperville, Ill. | Joliet Catholic | WR | Shaq Roland | 6-2/205 | Lexington, S.C. | Lexington |
| RB | Juwana Lewis | 6-0/180 | Muskegon, Mich. | Muskegon | WR | Deion Sanders Jr. | 5-8/160 | Cedar Hill, Texas | Cedar Hill |
| RB | Byron Marshall | 5-10/195 | San Jose, Calif. | Valley Christian | WR | Canaan Severin | 6-2/215 | Worcester, Mass. | Worcester Academy |
| RB | Barry Sanders Jr. | 5-11/190 | Oklahoma City | Heritage Hall | WR | Trent Sewell | 6-4/195 | Bothell, Wash. | Bothell |
| RB | Dennis Smith | 6-1/210 | Wimberley, Texas | Wimberley | WR | Ian Thomas | 6-1/190 | Reisterstown, Md. | Franklin |
| RB | Jacob Smith | 6-0/180 | Granada Hills, Calif. | Granada Hills | WR | Bryce Treggs | 5-10/160 | Bellflower, Calif. | St. John Bosco |
| | | | | | WR | Derrick Woods | 5-11/180 | Inglewood, Calif. | Inglewood |

35 TO WATCH FOR IN 2013

| POS | PLAYER | HT/WT | CITY, STATE | SCHOOL | OL | John Lopez | 6-5/320 | Orange, Calif. | Lutheran |
|-----|---------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------|----|-------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------|
| QB | Max Browne | 6-5/200 | Sammamish, Wash. | Skyline | LB | Leon McQuay III | 6-1/180 | Seffner, Fla. | Armwood |
| QB | Ryan Burns | 6-5/220 | Ashburn, Va. | Stone Bridge | OL | Dorian Miller | 6-3/275 | Metuchen, N.J. | Metuchen |
| LB | Chans Cox | 6-3/220 | Lakeside, Ariz. | Blue Ridge | QB | Shane Morris | 6-3/185 | Warren, Mich. | De La Salle |
| DB | Su'a Cravens | 6-2/190 | Murrieta, Calif. | Vista Murrieta | DT | Robert Nkemidicne | 6-5/260 | Loganville, Ga. | Grayson |
| DB | Darius Curry | 6-0/185 | Gainesville, Ga. | North Hall | LB | Johnny O'Neal | 6-2/225 | Dublin, Ga. | West Laurens |
| QB | Riley Ferguson | 6-2/175 | Matthews, N.C. | Butler | OL | D.J. Park | 6-5/290 | Dillon, S.C. | Dillon |
| LB | Reuben Foster | 6-2/205 | Lagrange, Ga. | Troup | WR | Michael Parker | 6-4/205 | Nokesville, Va. | Kettle Run |
| DB | Kendall Fuller | 6-0/180 | Olney, Md. | Good Counsel | OL | Ethan Pocic | 6-6/280 | Lemont, Ill. | Lemont |
| WR | Jamar Gibson | 6-2/190 | Baytown, Texas | Sterling | DT | Henry Poggi | 6-3/235 | Baltimore | Gilman School |
| OL | Austin Golson | 6-6/275 | Prattville, Ala. | Prattville | QB | Eddie Printz | 6-3/200 | Marietta, Ga. | Lassiter |
| TE | Andrew Isaacs | 6-4/215 | Manchester, Conn. | Manchester | WR | Demarcus Robinson | 6-3/185 | Fort Valley, Ga. | Peach County |
| OL | Darius James | 6-5/320 | Killeen, Texas | Harker Heights | WR | Ra'Shaad Samples | 5-11/165 | Dallas | Skyline |
| LB | Trey Johnson | 6-1/205 | Lawrenceville, Ga. | Central Gwinnett | WR | Tramel Terry | 5-11/170 | Goose Creek, S.C. | Goose Creek |
| QB | Kyle Kempt | 6-5/200 | Massillon, Ohio | Washington | RB | Dymonte Thomas | 5-11/170 | Alliance, Ohio | Marlington |
| DE | Christian Lacouture | 6-4/240 | Odessa, Texas | Permian | OL | Laremy Tunsil | 6-6/280 | Lake City, Fla. | Columbia |
| WR | Uriah LeMay | 6-1/190 | Matthews, N.C. | Butler | RB | Aregeros Turner | 5-11/180 | Akron, Ohio | Copley |
| LB | E.J. Levenberry Jr. | 6-3/220 | Woodbridge, Va. | Hylton | QB | Troy Williams | 6-0/175 | Harbor City, Calif. | Narbonne |

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PASSING EFFICIENCY (MINIMUM OF 15 ATTEMPTS PER GAME)

| | YEAR | G | ATT | EMP. | PCT. | INT | INT% | YDS | YDS/ATT | TD | PCT. | RATING |
|-------------------------------------|------|----|-----|------|-------|-----|------|------|---------|----|-------|--------|
| Kellen Moore, Boise State | JR | 13 | 383 | 273 | 71.28 | 6 | 1.57 | 3845 | 10.04 | 35 | 9.14 | 182.63 |
| Cam Newton, Auburn | JR | 14 | 280 | 185 | 66.07 | 7 | 2.50 | 2854 | 10.19 | 30 | 10.71 | 182.05 |
| Andrew Luck, Stanford | SO | 13 | 372 | 263 | 70.70 | 8 | 2.15 | 3338 | 8.97 | 32 | 8.60 | 170.16 |
| Greg McElroy, Alabama | SR | 13 | 313 | 222 | 70.93 | 5 | 1.60 | 2987 | 9.54 | 20 | 6.39 | 168.98 |
| Andy Dalton, TCU | SR | 13 | 316 | 209 | 66.14 | 6 | 1.90 | 2857 | 9.04 | 27 | 8.54 | 166.48 |
| Scott Tolzien, Wisconsin | SR | 13 | 266 | 194 | 72.93 | 6 | 2.26 | 2459 | 9.24 | 16 | 6.02 | 165.92 |
| Ryan Mallett, Arkansas | JR | 13 | 411 | 266 | 64.72 | 12 | 2.92 | 3869 | 9.41 | 32 | 7.79 | 163.65 |
| Bryant Moniz, Hawaii | JR | 14 | 555 | 361 | 65.05 | 15 | 2.70 | 5040 | 9.08 | 39 | 7.03 | 159.11 |
| Dan Persa, Northwestern | JR | 10 | 302 | 222 | 73.51 | 4 | 1.32 | 2581 | 8.55 | 15 | 4.97 | 159.04 |
| Terrelle Pryor, Ohio State | JR | 13 | 323 | 210 | 65.02 | 11 | 3.41 | 2772 | 8.58 | 27 | 8.36 | 157.88 |
| Chandler Harnish, Northern Illinois | JR | 13 | 292 | 189 | 64.73 | 5 | 1.71 | 2530 | 8.66 | 21 | 7.19 | 157.82 |
| Ricky Stanzi, Iowa | SR | 13 | 345 | 221 | 64.06 | 6 | 1.74 | 3004 | 8.71 | 25 | 7.25 | 157.63 |
| Tyrod Taylor, Virginia Tech | SR | 14 | 315 | 188 | 59.68 | 5 | 1.59 | 2743 | 8.71 | 24 | 7.62 | 154.80 |
| Aaron Murray, Georgia | FR | 13 | 342 | 209 | 61.11 | 8 | 2.34 | 3049 | 8.92 | 24 | 7.02 | 154.48 |
| Jeffrey Godfrey, UCF | FR | 14 | 238 | 159 | 66.81 | 8 | 3.36 | 2159 | 9.07 | 13 | 5.46 | 154.31 |
| Brandon Weeden, Oklahoma State | JR | 13 | 511 | 342 | 66.93 | 13 | 2.54 | 4277 | 8.37 | 34 | 6.65 | 154.10 |
| Darron Thomas, Oregon | SO | 13 | 361 | 222 | 61.50 | 9 | 2.49 | 2881 | 7.98 | 30 | 8.31 | 150.97 |
| Kirk Cousins, Michigan State | JR | 13 | 338 | 226 | 66.86 | 10 | 2.96 | 2825 | 8.36 | 20 | 5.92 | 150.68 |
| Colin Kaepernick, Nevada | SR | 14 | 359 | 233 | 64.90 | 8 | 2.23 | 3022 | 8.42 | 21 | 5.85 | 150.46 |
| Denard Robinson, Michigan | SO | 13 | 291 | 182 | 62.54 | 11 | 3.78 | 2570 | 8.83 | 18 | 6.19 | 149.58 |
| Ryan Lindley, San Diego State | JR | 13 | 421 | 243 | 57.72 | 14 | 3.33 | 3830 | 9.10 | 28 | 6.65 | 149.43 |
| Stephen Garcia, South Carolina | JR | 14 | 349 | 224 | 64.18 | 14 | 4.01 | 3059 | 8.77 | 20 | 5.73 | 148.70 |
| Mike Hartline, Kentucky | SR | 12 | 405 | 268 | 66.17 | 9 | 2.22 | 3178 | 7.85 | 23 | 5.68 | 146.38 |
| Landry Jones, Oklahoma | SO | 14 | 617 | 405 | 65.64 | 12 | 1.94 | 4718 | 7.65 | 38 | 6.16 | 146.31 |
| T.J. Yates, North Carolina | SR | 13 | 422 | 282 | 66.82 | 9 | 2.13 | 3418 | 8.10 | 19 | 4.50 | 145.45 |

TOTAL OFFENSE

| | YEAR | G | CAR | GAIN | LOSS | NET | ATT | YDS | PLAYS | YDS | YDS/PL | YDS/G |
|---------------------------------|------|----|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|-------|------|--------|--------|
| Bryant Moniz, Hawaii | JR | 14 | 81 | 344 | 242 | 102 | 555 | 5040 | 636 | 5142 | 8.08 | 367.29 |
| Denard Robinson, Michigan | SO | 13 | 256 | 1799 | 97 | 1702 | 291 | 2570 | 547 | 4272 | 7.81 | 328.62 |
| Landry Jones, Oklahoma | SO | 14 | 51 | 88 | 216 | -128 | 617 | 4718 | 668 | 4590 | 6.87 | 327.86 |
| G.J. Kinne, Tulsa | JR | 13 | 158 | 762 | 201 | 561 | 460 | 3650 | 618 | 4211 | 6.81 | 323.92 |
| Brandon Weeden, Oklahoma State | JR | 13 | 17 | 40 | 108 | -68 | 511 | 4277 | 528 | 4209 | 7.97 | 323.77 |
| Robert Griffin III, Baylor | SO | 13 | 149 | 808 | 173 | 635 | 454 | 3501 | 603 | 4136 | 6.86 | 318.15 |
| Dominique Davis, East Carolina | JR | 13 | 79 | 300 | 159 | 141 | 609 | 3967 | 688 | 4108 | 5.97 | 316.00 |
| Dan Persa, Northwestern | JR | 10 | 164 | 717 | 198 | 519 | 302 | 2581 | 466 | 3100 | 6.65 | 310.00 |
| Cam Newton, Auburn | JR | 14 | 264 | 1662 | 189 | 1473 | 280 | 2854 | 544 | 4327 | 7.95 | 309.07 |
| Russell Wilson, N.C. State | SO | 13 | 143 | 667 | 232 | 435 | 527 | 3563 | 670 | 3998 | 5.97 | 307.54 |
| Colin Kaepernick, Nevada | SR | 14 | 173 | 1309 | 103 | 1206 | 359 | 3022 | 532 | 4228 | 7.95 | 302.00 |
| Alex Carder, Western Michigan | SO | 12 | 109 | 417 | 191 | 226 | 458 | 3334 | 567 | 3560 | 6.28 | 296.67 |
| Kellen Moore, Boise State | JR | 13 | 19 | 38 | 70 | -32 | 383 | 3845 | 402 | 3813 | 9.49 | 293.31 |
| Ryan Lindley, San Diego State | JR | 13 | 19 | 50 | 81 | -31 | 421 | 3830 | 440 | 3799 | 8.63 | 292.23 |
| Ryan Mallett, Arkansas | JR | 13 | 44 | 59 | 133 | -74 | 411 | 3869 | 455 | 3795 | 8.34 | 291.92 |
| Andrew Luck, Stanford | SO | 13 | 55 | 513 | 60 | 453 | 372 | 3338 | 427 | 3791 | 8.88 | 291.62 |
| Kyle Padrón, SMU | SO | 14 | 104 | 419 | 175 | 244 | 508 | 3828 | 612 | 4072 | 6.65 | 290.86 |
| Taylor Potts, Texas Tech | SR | 13 | 33 | 153 | 149 | 4 | 551 | 3726 | 584 | 3730 | 6.39 | 286.92 |
| Ryan Aplin, Arkansas State | SO | 12 | 138 | 685 | 208 | 477 | 408 | 2934 | 546 | 3411 | 6.25 | 284.25 |
| Nick Foles, Arizona | JR | 11 | 35 | 52 | 165 | -13 | 426 | 3191 | 461 | 3078 | 6.68 | 279.82 |
| Corey Robinson, Troy | FR | 13 | 48 | 102 | 202 | -100 | 505 | 3726 | 553 | 3626 | 6.56 | 278.92 |
| Ben Chappell, Indiana | SR | 12 | 47 | 109 | 95 | 14 | 483 | 3295 | 530 | 3309 | 6.24 | 275.75 |
| Austin Davis, Southern Miss | JR | 13 | 145 | 602 | 150 | 452 | 442 | 3103 | 587 | 3555 | 6.06 | 273.46 |
| Ryan Radcliff, Central Michigan | SO | 12 | 66 | 148 | 247 | -99 | 466 | 3358 | 532 | 3259 | 6.13 | 271.58 |
| Terrelle Pryor, Ohio State | JR | 13 | 135 | 898 | 144 | 754 | 323 | 2772 | 458 | 3526 | 7.70 | 271.23 |

ALL-PURPOSE YARDAGE

| | YEAR | G | RUSH | REC | PR | KOR | PLAYS | YDS | YDS/PL | YDS | YDS/GM |
|------------------------------------|------|----|------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Damaris Johnson, Tulsa | JR | 13 | 560 | 872 | 292 | 904 | 169 | 15.55 | 2628 | 202.15 | |
| Randall Cobb, Kentucky | JR | 13 | 424 | 1017 | 219 | 736 | 198 | 12.10 | 2396 | 184.31 | |
| Pat Shad, UAB | JR | 12 | 847 | 471 | 69 | 738 | 249 | 8.53 | 2125 | 177.08 | |
| Dwayne Harris, East Carolina | SR | 13 | 104 | 1123 | 222 | 839 | 177 | 12.93 | 2288 | 176.00 | |
| Tandon Doss, Indiana | JR | 11 | 163 | 706 | 49 | 1016 | 139 | 13.91 | 1934 | 175.82 | |
| Kerwyn Williams, Utah State | SO | 12 | 451 | 110 | 37 | 1444 | 150 | 13.61 | 2042 | 170.17 | |
| LaMichael James, Oregon | SO | 12 | 1731 | 208 | -2 | 0 | 312 | 6.21 | 1937 | 161.42 | |
| T.Y. Hilton, Florida International | JR | 13 | 282 | 848 | 126 | 833 | 138 | 15.14 | 2089 | 160.69 | |
| Jerel Jernigan, Troy | SR | 13 | 322 | 822 | 306 | 630 | 177 | 11.75 | 2080 | 160.00 | |
| Lance Dunbar, North Texas | JR | 12 | 1553 | 332 | 0 | 0 | 302 | 6.24 | 1885 | 157.08 | |
| Bobby Rainey, Western Kentucky | JR | 12 | 1649 | 230 | 0 | 0 | 369 | 5.09 | 1879 | 156.58 | |
| Eric Page, Toledo | SO | 13 | -13 | 1105 | 72 | 871 | 148 | 13.75 | 2035 | 156.54 | |
| Justin Blackmon, Oklahoma State | SO | 12 | 77 | 1782 | 7 | 0 | 115 | 16.23 | 1866 | 155.50 | |
| D.J. Woods, Cincinnati | JR | 12 | 87 | 898 | 146 | 728 | 119 | 15.62 | 1859 | 154.92 | |
| Jordan Todman, Connecticut | JR | 12 | 1695 | 94 | 0 | 55 | 355 | 5.19 | 1844 | 153.67 | |
| Eric Stephens, Texas Tech | SO | 13 | 668 | 212 | 0 | 1071 | 204 | 9.56 | 1951 | 150.08 | |
| Titus Young, Boise State | SR | 13 | 94 | 1215 | 43 | 564 | 113 | 16.96 | 1916 | 147.38 | |
| DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma | SR | 14 | 1214 | 594 | 0 | 249 | 363 | 5.67 | 2057 | 146.93 | |
| Phillip Livas, Louisiana Tech | SR | 10 | 153 | 266 | 186 | 862 | 88 | 16.67 | 1467 | 146.70 | |
| Mikel Leshoure, Illinois | JR | 13 | 1697 | 196 | 0 | 0 | 298 | 6.35 | 1893 | 145.62 | |
| Trent Richardson, Alabama | SO | 11 | 700 | 266 | 0 | 634 | 159 | 10.06 | 1600 | 145.45 | |
| Taveon Rogers, New Mexico State | JR | 12 | 54 | 278 | 0 | 1410 | 75 | 23.23 | 1742 | 145.17 | |
| Tyron Carrier, Houston | JR | 12 | 50 | 480 | 0 | 1174 | 106 | 16.08 | 1704 | 142.00 | |
| Vai Taua, Nevada | SR | 13 | 1610 | 226 | 0 | 0 | 302 | 6.08 | 1836 | 141.23 | |
| Robert Woods, USC | FR | 13 | 50 | 792 | 4 | 971 | 110 | 16.52 | 1817 | 139.77 | |

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

| YEAR | G | REC | YDS | TD | REC/G | |
|-------------------------------|----|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| JR | 14 | 131 | 1622 | 14 | 9.36 | |
| SO | 12 | 111 | 1782 | 20 | 9.25 | |
| SR | 14 | 119 | 1889 | 14 | 8.50 | |
| SR | 12 | 96 | 1109 | 4 | 8.00 | |
| SR | 12 | 94 | 1378 | 10 | 7.83 | |
| SR | 13 | 101 | 1123 | 10 | 7.77 | |
| SD | 13 | 99 | 1105 | 8 | 7.62 | |
| SR | 12 | 91 | 1032 | 10 | 7.58 | |
| T.J. Moe, Missouri | SO | 13 | 92 | 1045 | 6 | 7.08 |
| Michael Egnew, Missouri | JR | 13 | 90 | 762 | 5 | 6.92 |
| Cody Wilson, Central Michigan | SO | 12 | 83 | 1137 | 5 | 6.85 |
| Lance Lewis, East Carolina | JR | 13 | 89 | 1116 | 4 | 6.85 |
| Kealoha Pilares, Hawaii | SR | 13 | 88 | 1306 | 5 | 6.77 |
| Armand Robinson, Miami (Ohio) | SR | 14 | 94 | 1062 | 6 | 6.71 |
| Detron Lewis, Texas Tech | SR | 13 | 87 | 852 | 6 | 6.69 |
| Michael Floyd, Notre Dame | JR | 12 | 79 | 1025 | 12 | 6.58 |
| Damarlo Belcher, Indiana | JR | 12 | 78 | 832 | 4 | 6.50 |
| Randall Cobb, Kentucky | JR | 13 | 84 | 1017 | 7 | 6.46 |
| Jerrel Jernigan, Troy | SR | 13 | 84 | 822 | 6 | 6.46 |
| Juron Criner, Arizona | JR | 13 | 82 | 1233 | 11 | 6.31 |

INTERCEPTIONS PER GAME

| YEAR | G | NO | YDS | TD | INT/G | |
|------------------------------|----|----|-----|--------|-------|------|
| Jayron Hosley, Virginia Tech | SO | 13 | 9 | 110 | 0 | 0.69 |
| Robert Lester, Alabama | SO | 13 | 8 | 102 | 0 | 0.62 |
| Mano Silva, Hawaii | SR | 14 | 8 | 60 | 0 | 0.57 |
| Harrison Smith, Notre Dame | SR | 13 | 7 | 54 | 0 | 0.54 |
| Chase Minnifield, Virginia | JR | 12 | 6 | 80 | 0 | 0.50 |
| Dexter McColl, Tulsa | SO | 12 | 6 | 63 | 0 | 0.50 |
| Sean Baker, Ball State | SR | 12 | 6 | 54 | 0 | 0.50 |
| Dormonic Cook, Buffalo | SR | 12 | 6 | 33</td | | |

PUNT RETURNS

(MINIMUM OF 1.2 RETURNS PER GAME)

| | YEAR | NO. | YDS | TD | Avg |
|--------------------------------|------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Shaky Smithson, Utah | SR | 30 | 572 | 2 | 19.07 |
| Cliff Harris, Oregon | SO | 29 | 546 | 4 | 18.83 |
| Tony Logan, Maryland | JR | 31 | 560 | 2 | 18.06 |
| Patrick Peterson, LSU | JR | 26 | 418 | 2 | 16.08 |
| Joe Adams, Arkansas | JR | 16 | 249 | 1 | 15.56 |
| Philip Livas, Louisiana Tech | SR | 12 | 186 | 1 | 15.50 |
| Patrick Edwards, Houston | JR | 15 | 231 | 1 | 15.40 |
| Doug Beaumont, Louisville | SR | 14 | 213 | 1 | 15.21 |
| Josh Robinson, UCF | SO | 20 | 304 | 0 | 15.20 |
| Jesse Grandy, Ole Miss | SO | 15 | 220 | 1 | 14.67 |
| Keshawn Martin, Michigan State | JR | 16 | 228 | 1 | 14.25 |
| Ronald Johnson, USC | SR | 22 | 312 | 1 | 14.18 |
| Chris Potter, Boise State | SO | 22 | 293 | 1 | 13.32 |
| Jerrel Jerrigan, Troy | SR | 23 | 306 | 1 | 13.30 |
| Jeremy Kerley, TCU | SR | 30 | 388 | 0 | 12.93 |
| Marquis Maze, Alabama | JR | 21 | 267 | 0 | 12.71 |
| Damaris Johnson, Tulsa | JR | 23 | 292 | 1 | 12.70 |
| Jeremy Ross, California | SR | 22 | 279 | 0 | 12.68 |
| Jayron Hosley, Virginia Tech | SO | 19 | 239 | 1 | 12.58 |
| Drew Terrell, Stanford | SO | 18 | 219 | 0 | 12.17 |

PUNTING

(MINIMUM OF 3.6 PUNTS PER GAME)

| | YEAR | G | NO. | YDS | Avg |
|----------------------------------|------|----|-----|------|-------|
| Tyler Campbell, Ole Miss | SO | 12 | 60 | 2782 | 46.37 |
| Quinn Sharp, Oklahoma State | SO | 12 | 46 | 2127 | 46.24 |
| Kyle Martens, Rice | JR | 12 | 52 | 2391 | 45.98 |
| Jeff Locke, UCLA | SO | 12 | 64 | 2934 | 45.84 |
| Mickey Groody, Florida Atlantic | JR | 12 | 71 | 3252 | 45.80 |
| Bryan Anger, California | JR | 12 | 62 | 2825 | 45.56 |
| Reid Forrest, Washington State | SR | 12 | 66 | 2998 | 45.42 |
| Brian Stahovich, San Diego State | JR | 12 | 53 | 2406 | 45.40 |
| Kirby Van Der Kamp, Iowa State | FR | 11 | 60 | 2710 | 45.17 |
| Bobby Cowan, Idaho | SO | 13 | 58 | 2618 | 45.14 |
| Ian Campbell, UTEP | SO | 13 | 51 | 2300 | 45.10 |
| Chas Henry, Florida | SR | 13 | 50 | 2253 | 45.06 |
| Aaron Bates, Michigan State | SR | 13 | 57 | 2565 | 45.00 |
| Anthony Santella, Illinois | SR | 13 | 64 | 2866 | 44.78 |
| Ryan Donahue, Iowa | SR | 13 | 54 | 2408 | 44.59 |
| Trevor Hanksin, Arizona State | SR | 11 | 54 | 2406 | 44.56 |
| Drew Butler, Georgia | JR | 13 | 50 | 2225 | 44.50 |
| Spencer Manning, South Carolina | SR | 14 | 54 | 2383 | 44.13 |
| Matt Bosher, Miami (Fla.) | SR | 13 | 59 | 2597 | 44.02 |
| Tress Way, Oklahoma | SO | 14 | 73 | 3212 | 44.00 |

FIELD GOALS

| | YEAR | G | FGA | FGM | PCT | FG% |
|-------------------------------|------|----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Josh Jasper, LSU | SR | 13 | 34 | 28 | .824 | 2.15 |
| Dan Bailey, Oklahoma State | SR | 13 | 31 | 27 | .871 | 2.08 |
| Danny Hrapmann, Southern Miss | JR | 13 | 31 | 26 | .839 | 2.00 |
| Dave Teggart, Connecticut | JR | 13 | 31 | 25 | .806 | 1.92 |
| Justin Tucker, Texas | JR | 12 | 27 | 23 | .852 | 1.92 |
| Derek Dimke, Illinois | JR | 13 | 29 | 24 | .828 | 1.85 |
| Will Snydersin, Duke | JR | 12 | 24 | 21 | .875 | 1.75 |
| Nate Freese, Boston College | JR | 13 | 25 | 22 | .880 | 1.69 |
| Josh Czajkowski, N.C. State | SR | 12 | 26 | 20 | .769 | 1.67 |
| Kevin Goessling, Fresno State | JR | 13 | 26 | 21 | .808 | 1.62 |
| Jimmy Stevens, Oklahoma | JR | 12 | 19 | 19 | .826 | 1.58 |
| Dustin Hopkins, Florida State | SO | 14 | 28 | 22 | .786 | 1.57 |
| Blair Walsh, Georgia | JR | 13 | 23 | 20 | .870 | 1.54 |
| Devin Barclay, Ohio State | SR | 13 | 24 | 20 | .833 | 1.54 |
| Colin Wagner, Penn State | SR | 13 | 25 | 20 | .800 | 1.54 |
| Chris Hazley, Virginia Tech | SR | 14 | 22 | 21 | .955 | 1.50 |
| Casey Barth, North Carolina | JR | 13 | 22 | 19 | .864 | 1.46 |
| Aaron Jones, Baylor | FR | 13 | 27 | 19 | .704 | 1.46 |
| Zach Olen, North Texas | FR | 9 | 15 | 13 | .867 | 1.44 |
| Thomas Weber, Arizona State | SR | 12 | 24 | 17 | .708 | 1.42 |

KICKOFF RETURNS

(MINIMUM OF 1.2 RETURNS PER GAME)

| | YEAR | NO. | YDS | TD | Avg |
|------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Nick Williams, Connecticut | SO | 17 | 600 | 2 | 35.29 |
| Quincy McDuffie, UCF | SO | 27 | 869 | 2 | 32.19 |
| Eric Page, Toledo | SO | 28 | 871 | 3 | 31.11 |
| Marlon McClure, UTEP | SO | 30 | 930 | 2 | 31.00 |
| Jeremy Wright, Louisville | SO | 16 | 489 | 1 | 30.56 |
| Coryell Judie, Texas A&M | JR | 20 | 605 | 2 | 30.25 |
| Vic Anderson, Louisville | JR | 13 | 393 | 0 | 30.23 |
| Derrell Johnson-Koulianos, Iowa | SR | 17 | 498 | 1 | 29.29 |
| Patrick Peterson, LSU | JR | 32 | 932 | 0 | 29.13 |
| Charles Ross, Rice | SO | 17 | 494 | 0 | 29.06 |
| Johnathan Warzecha, Air Force | JR | 22 | 632 | 1 | 28.73 |
| T.Y. Hilton, Florida International | JR | 29 | 833 | 2 | 28.72 |
| LeQuan Lewis, Arizona State | SR | 15 | 428 | 1 | 28.53 |
| Brelan Chancellor, North Texas | FR | 33 | 923 | 2 | 27.97 |
| Andre Debose, Florida | FR | 21 | 587 | 2 | 27.95 |
| Jordan Hall, Ohio State | SO | 18 | 503 | 1 | 27.94 |
| Marcus Sullivan, UNLV | FR | 35 | 976 | 0 | 27.89 |
| Jordan Poyer, Oregon State | SO | 33 | 917 | 0 | 27.79 |
| Jeremy Kerley, TCU | SR | 19 | 527 | 0 | 27.74 |
| Jeff Scott, Ole Miss | FR | 15 | 416 | 0 | 27.73 |

TEAM LEADERS

RUSHING OFFENSE

| | G | YDS | TD | Avg | TO | YDS/G |
|-------------------|----|-----|------|------|----|--------|
| Georgia Tech | 13 | 753 | 4203 | 5.58 | 31 | 523.31 |
| Air Force | 13 | 748 | 3985 | 5.33 | 41 | 306.54 |
| Nevada | 14 | 669 | 4091 | 6.12 | 52 | 292.21 |
| Oregon | 13 | 629 | 3721 | 5.92 | 42 | 286.23 |
| Auburn | 14 | 652 | 3987 | 6.12 | 41 | 284.79 |
| Navy | 13 | 692 | 3702 | 5.35 | 37 | 284.77 |
| Northern Illinois | 14 | 581 | 3645 | 6.27 | 42 | 260.36 |
| Army | 13 | 728 | 3271 | 4.49 | 34 | 251.62 |
| Nebraska | 14 | 634 | 3466 | 5.47 | 32 | 247.57 |
| TCU | 13 | 600 | 3216 | 5.36 | 41 | 247.38 |
| Illinois | 13 | 619 | 3199 | 5.17 | 29 | 246.08 |
| Wisconsin | 13 | 584 | 3194 | 5.47 | 48 | 245.69 |
| Michigan | 13 | 556 | 3101 | 5.58 | 35 | 238.54 |
| Ohio State | 13 | 547 | 2861 | 5.23 | 27 | 220.08 |
| Tulsa | 13 | 537 | 2820 | 5.25 | 32 | 216.92 |
| Mississippi State | 13 | 619 | 2793 | 4.51 | 28 | 214.85 |
| Stanford | 13 | 535 | 2779 | 5.19 | 34 | 213.77 |
| Ole Miss | 12 | 496 | 2491 | 5.02 | 28 | 207.58 |
| North Texas | 12 | 489 | 2426 | 4.96 | 17 | 202.17 |
| Southern Miss | 13 | 559 | 2611 | 4.67 | 28 | 200.85 |

TURNOVER MARGIN

| | GAINED | LOST | MARGIN/G |
|-------------------|--------|------|----------|
| Virginia Tech | 9 | 23 | 32 |
| Tulsa | 12 | 24 | 36 |
| Army | 16 | 14 | 30 |
| Maryland | 10 | 19 | 29 |
| Ohio State | 11 | 19 | 30 |
| Wisconsin | 5 | 19 | 24 |
| Iowa | 13 | 19 | 32 |
| Oklahoma | 13 | 19 | 32 |
| Oregon | 16 | 21 | 37 |
| Stanford | 12 | 18 | 30 |
| Alabama | 4 | 22 | 26 |
| Connecticut | 11 | 20 | 31 |
| Oklahoma State | 15 | 19 | 34 |
| Hawaii | 15 | 23 | 38 |
| Missouri | 11 | 18 | 29 |
| Toledo | 14 | 20 | 34 |
| Miami (Ohio) | 14 | 21 | 35 |
| Northern Illinois | 9 | 16 | 25 |
| Georgia | 10 | 16 | 26 |
| Southern Miss | 10 | 16 | 26 |

RUSHING DEFENSE

| | G | KAR | YDS | Avg | TD | YDS/G |
|-------------------|----|-----|------|------|----|--------|
| Boston College | 13 | 402 | 1076 | 2.68 | 7 | 82.77 |
| West Virginia | 13 | 410 | 1124 | 2.74 | 3 | 86.46 |
| Ohio State | 13 | 404 | 1257 | 3.11 | 9 | 96.69 |
| Kent State | 12 | 434 | 1166 | 2.69 | 21 | 97.17 |
| TCU | 13 | 391 | 1294 | 3.31 | 9 | 99.69 |
| Iowa | 13 | 407 | 1320 | 3.24 | 13 | 101.54 |
| Boise State | 13 | 461 | 1349 | 2.93 | 12 | 103.77 |
| UCF | 14 | 511 | 1517 | 3.36 | 9 | 108.36 |
| Auburn | 14 | 448 | 1527 | 3.41 | 16 | 109.07 |
| Alabama | 13 | 435 | 1432 | 3.29 | 1 | 110.17 |
| Utah | 13 | 451 | 1452 | 3.22 | 9 | 111.69 |
| South Carolina | 14 | 467 | 1574 | 3.37 | 13 | 112.43 |
| Southern Miss | 13 | 405 | 1469 | 3.63 | 18 | 113.00 |
| N.C. State | 13 | 433 | 1486 | 3.43 | 12 | 114.31 |
| Mississippi State | 13 | 435 | 1548 | 3.56 | 11 | 119.08 |
| Arizona State | 12 | 442 | 1436 | 3.25 | 14 | 119.67 |
| Pittsburgh | 13 | 443 | 1560 | 3.52 | 12 | 120.00 |
| Nevada | 14 | 428 | 1686 | 3.93 | 18 | 120.29 |
| Stanford | 13 | 406 | 1571 | 3.87 | 12 | 120.85 |
| Ohio | 13 | 458 | 1600 | 3.49 | 17 | 123.08 |

TOTAL OFFENSE

| | G | PLAYS | YDS | Avg | TD | YDS/G |
|----------------|----|-------|------|------|----|--------|
| Oregon | 13 | 724 | 2970 | 4.16 | 20 | 228.46 |
| Boise State | 13 | 832 | 3111 | 3.98 | 22 | 254.69 |
| West Virginia | 13 | 803 | 3394 | 4.23 | 17 | 261.08 |
| Ohio State | 13 | 789 | 3409 | 4.32 | 22 | 262.23 |
| Alabama | 13 | 802 | 3723 | 4.64 | 19 | 286.38 |
| Texas | 12 | 783 | 3602 | 4.60 | 36 | 300.17 |
| Syracuse | 13 | 856 | 3919 | 4.58 | 31 | 301.46 |
| Pittsburgh | 13 | 837 | 3966 | 4.74 | 29 | 305.08 |
| Florida | 13 | 853 | 3985 | 4.67 | 33 | 306.54 |
| Kent State | 12 | 839 | 3680 | 4.39 | 33 | 306.67 |
| Nebraska | 14 | 940 | 4295 | 4.57 | 26 | 306.79 |
| LSU | 13 | 822 | 3993 | 4.86 | 31 | 307.15 |
| Boston College | 13 | 912 | 4026 | 4.41 | 26 | 309.69 |
| Louisville | 13 | 814 | 4052 | 4.98 | 32 | 311.69 |
| UCF | 14 | 926 | 4415 | 4.77 | 31 | 315.36 |
| Florida | 12 | 816 | 3812 | 4.67 | 27 | 317.67 |
| Temple | 13 | 874 | 4133 | 4.79 | 27 | 317.92 |
| South Florida | 13 | 874 | 4133 | 4.79 | 27 | 317.92 |
| California | 12 | 797 | 3829 | 4.80 | 34 | 319.08 |
| Clemson | 13 | 866 | 4164 | 4.81 | 27 | 320.31 |
| Wisconsin | 13 | 790 | 4183 | 5.29 | 33 | 321.77 |

TOTAL DEFENSE

| | G | PLAYS | YDS | Avg | TD | YDS/G |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

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'10 FCS NCAA STATS

COURTESY OF NCAA

PASSING EFFICIENCY (MINIMUM OF 15 ATTEMPTS PER GAME)

| | YEAR | G | ATT | CMP | PCT | INT | INT% | YDS | YDS/ATT | TD | PCT | RATING |
|-------------------------------------|------|----|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|------|---------|----|------|--------|
| Josh McGregor, Jacksonville | JR | 11 | 326 | 205 | 62.88 | 7 | 2.15 | 3049 | 9.35 | 32 | 9.82 | 169.54 |
| Matthew Johnson, Bethune-Cookman | SR | 11 | 231 | 151 | 65.37 | 5 | 2.16 | 2053 | 8.89 | 14 | 6.06 | 155.69 |
| Scott Riddle, Elon | SR | 10 | 405 | 274 | 67.65 | 6 | 1.48 | 3231 | 7.98 | 28 | 6.91 | 154.52 |
| Denarius McGhee, Montana State | FR | 12 | 362 | 227 | 62.71 | 6 | 1.66 | 3163 | 8.74 | 23 | 6.35 | 153.75 |
| Pat Devilin, Delaware | SR | 14 | 384 | 261 | 67.97 | 3 | .78 | 3032 | 7.90 | 22 | 5.73 | 151.64 |
| Brad Sorenson, Southern Utah | SO | 11 | 390 | 261 | 66.92 | 6 | 1.54 | 3163 | 8.11 | 21 | 5.38 | 149.74 |
| Mike Brown, Liberty | JR | 11 | 351 | 223 | 63.53 | 11 | 3.13 | 2956 | 8.42 | 23 | 6.55 | 149.63 |
| Matt Barr, Western Illinois | SR | 13 | 393 | 229 | 58.27 | 10 | 2.54 | 3410 | 8.68 | 27 | 6.87 | 148.74 |
| Jeff Fleming, Sacramento State | JR | 11 | 248 | 138 | 55.65 | 10 | 4.03 | 2044 | 8.24 | 23 | 9.27 | 147.42 |
| Michael Coulter, Stony Brook | JR | 11 | 220 | 133 | 60.45 | 10 | 4.55 | 1811 | 8.23 | 17 | 7.73 | 146.01 |
| Mason Mills, San Diego | SO | 11 | 290 | 195 | 67.24 | 8 | 2.76 | 2160 | 7.45 | 18 | 6.21 | 144.77 |
| Chris Whitney, Villanova | SR | 14 | 312 | 203 | 65.06 | 7 | 2.24 | 2241 | 7.18 | 22 | 7.05 | 144.18 |
| Casey Theriault, Jackson State | JR | 11 | 437 | 255 | 58.35 | 8 | 1.83 | 3436 | 7.86 | 31 | 7.09 | 144.15 |
| Kyle Havens, Massachusetts | SR | 11 | 345 | 219 | 63.48 | 7 | 2.03 | 2692 | 7.80 | 20 | 5.80 | 144.10 |
| Matt Brown, Illinois State | SO | 11 | 345 | 222 | 64.35 | 11 | 3.19 | 2670 | 7.74 | 22 | 6.38 | 144.02 |
| Ronnie Fouch, Indiana State | JR | 11 | 289 | 168 | 58.13 | 5 | 1.73 | 2252 | 7.79 | 20 | 6.92 | 142.96 |
| Casey Brockman, Murray State | SO | 9 | 320 | 213 | 66.56 | 6 | 1.88 | 2442 | 7.63 | 15 | 4.69 | 142.38 |
| DeAndre Prestley, Appalachian State | JR | 13 | 343 | 210 | 61.22 | 7 | 2.04 | 2631 | 7.67 | 21 | 6.12 | 141.78 |
| Mike Callahan, William & Mary | SR | 9 | 209 | 129 | 61.72 | 3 | 1.44 | 1659 | 7.94 | 10 | 4.78 | 141.32 |
| Jeremy Moses, Stephen F. Austin | SR | 12 | 550 | 336 | 61.09 | 7 | 1.27 | 3998 | 7.27 | 34 | 6.18 | 140.01 |
| B.J. Coleman, Chattanooga | JR | 11 | 382 | 215 | 56.28 | 13 | 3.40 | 2996 | 7.84 | 26 | 6.81 | 137.82 |
| Greg Sullivan, Colgate | SR | 10 | 180 | 117 | 65.00 | 5 | 2.78 | 1349 | 7.49 | 8 | 4.44 | 137.06 |
| Ryan O'Neill, Lafayette | JR | 10 | 313 | 209 | 66.77 | 7 | 2.24 | 2183 | 6.97 | 15 | 4.79 | 136.70 |
| Tommy Reilly, Marist | JR | 11 | 298 | 173 | 58.05 | 8 | 2.68 | 2383 | 8.00 | 15 | 5.03 | 136.47 |
| Sean Brackett, Columbia | SO | 10 | 287 | 166 | 57.84 | 6 | 2.09 | 2072 | 7.22 | 19 | 6.62 | 136.15 |

TOTAL OFFENSE

| | YEAR | G | CAR | GAIN | LOSS | NET | ATT | YDS | PLAYS | YDS | YDS/PL | YDS/G |
|-------------------------------------|------|----|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|-------|------|--------|--------|
| Mike Brown, Liberty | JR | 11 | 160 | 909 | 55 | 854 | 351 | 2956 | 511 | 3810 | 7.46 | 346.36 |
| Jeremy Moses, Stephen F. Austin | SR | 12 | 16 | 11 | 79 | -68 | 550 | 3998 | 566 | 3930 | 6.94 | 327.50 |
| Casey Theriault, Jackson State | JR | 11 | 101 | 434 | 270 | 164 | 437 | 3436 | 538 | 3600 | 6.69 | 327.27 |
| Scott Riddle, Elon | SR | 10 | 41 | 123 | 166 | -43 | 405 | 3231 | 446 | 3188 | 7.15 | 318.80 |
| Casey Brockman, Murray State | SO | 9 | 79 | 389 | 97 | 292 | 320 | 2442 | 399 | 2734 | 6.85 | 303.78 |
| Matt Barr, Western Illinois | SR | 13 | 104 | 675 | 226 | 449 | 393 | 3410 | 497 | 3859 | 7.76 | 296.85 |
| Thomas DeMarco, Old Dominion | JR | 11 | 128 | 501 | 78 | 423 | 401 | 2756 | 529 | 3179 | 6.01 | 289.00 |
| Brad Sorenson, Southern Utah | SO | 11 | 64 | 163 | 156 | 7 | 390 | 3163 | 454 | 3170 | 6.98 | 288.18 |
| DeAndre Prestley, Appalachian State | JR | 13 | 162 | 1131 | 92 | 1039 | 343 | 2631 | 505 | 3670 | 7.27 | 282.31 |
| Denarius McGhee, Montana State | FR | 12 | 80 | 352 | 171 | 181 | 362 | 3163 | 442 | 3344 | 7.57 | 278.67 |
| Josh McGregor, Jacksonville | JR | 11 | 51 | 184 | 199 | -15 | 326 | 3049 | 377 | 3034 | 8.05 | 275.82 |
| Josh Boudreaux, Arkansas-Pine Bluff | SR | 11 | 88 | 486 | 210 | 276 | 371 | 2750 | 459 | 3026 | 6.59 | 275.09 |
| B.J. Coleman, Chattanooga | JR | 11 | 37 | 69 | 86 | -17 | 382 | 2996 | 419 | 2979 | 7.11 | 270.82 |
| Steve Valentine, Dayton | SR | 11 | 158 | 856 | 144 | 712 | 289 | 2218 | 447 | 2930 | 6.55 | 266.36 |
| Zach Lewis, Morehead State | SO | 11 | 70 | 217 | 202 | 15 | 423 | 2898 | 493 | 2913 | 5.91 | 264.82 |
| Sean Brackett, Columbia | SO | 10 | 142 | 701 | 183 | 518 | 287 | 2072 | 429 | 2590 | 6.04 | 259.00 |
| Nathan Dick, Central Arkansas | JR | 11 | 77 | 319 | 107 | 212 | 394 | 2589 | 471 | 2801 | 5.95 | 254.64 |
| Dale Fink, Sacred Heart | SR | 11 | 44 | 75 | 189 | -114 | 438 | 2907 | 482 | 2793 | 5.79 | 253.91 |
| Zach MacDowell, Coastal Carolina | SR | 12 | 96 | 473 | 95 | 378 | 347 | 2632 | 443 | 3010 | 6.79 | 250.83 |
| Matthew Johnson, Bethune-Cookman | SR | 11 | 136 | 896 | 196 | 700 | 231 | 2053 | 367 | 2753 | 7.50 | 250.27 |
| Nick Doscher, Wagner | SO | 11 | 188 | 864 | 192 | 672 | 296 | 2067 | 484 | 2739 | 5.66 | 249.00 |
| Cody Kirby, Missouri State | SR | 11 | 139 | 596 | 193 | 403 | 313 | 2307 | 452 | 2710 | 6.00 | 246.36 |
| Brandon Bridge, Alcorn State | FR | 11 | 120 | 755 | 154 | 601 | 291 | 2086 | 411 | 2687 | 6.54 | 244.27 |
| Matt Brown, Illinois State | SO | 11 | 39 | 104 | 112 | -8 | 345 | 2670 | 384 | 2662 | 6.93 | 242.00 |
| Kyle Havens, Massachusetts | SR | 11 | 39 | 89 | 151 | -62 | 345 | 2692 | 384 | 2630 | 6.85 | 239.09 |

ALL-PURPOSE YARDAGE

| | YEAR | G | RUSH | REC | PR | KOR | PLAYS | YDS/PL | YDS | YDS/GM |
|--|------|----|------|------|-----|------|-------|--------|------|--------|
| Henry Harris, Southeast Missouri State | SR | 12 | 1735 | 183 | 0 | 691 | 352 | 7.41 | 2609 | 217.42 |
| Taiwan Jones, Eastern Washington | JR | 12 | 1742 | 342 | 28 | 309 | 263 | 9.21 | 2421 | 201.75 |
| Terrence Holt, Austin Peay | SR | 11 | 793 | 90 | 66 | 1100 | 221 | 9.27 | 2049 | 186.27 |
| Nate Euchus, Colgate | JR | 11 | 1871 | 168 | 0 | 0 | 335 | 6.09 | 2039 | 185.36 |
| Tavoy Moore, Idaho State | JR | 11 | 252 | 421 | 275 | 1086 | 156 | 13.04 | 2034 | 184.91 |
| Gralyn Crawford, Stephen F. Austin | SO | 12 | 5 | 981 | 183 | 1038 | 135 | 16.35 | 2207 | 183.92 |
| Mark Rodgers, Cal Poly | JR | 11 | 882 | 208 | 0 | 878 | 179 | 10.99 | 1968 | 178.91 |
| Brock Jackolski, Stony Brook | JR | 11 | 1029 | 149 | 0 | 788 | 196 | 10.03 | 1966 | 178.73 |
| Jamaine Cook, Youngstown State | SO | 11 | 1276 | 219 | 0 | 393 | 287 | 6.58 | 1888 | 171.64 |
| Gerald Stevenson, Charleston Southern | SR | 10 | 218 | 777 | 92 | 613 | 132 | 12.88 | 1700 | 170.00 |
| Brian Sutherland, Chattanooga | SO | 11 | 180 | 729 | 0 | 914 | 115 | 15.85 | 1823 | 165.73 |
| Bo Bolen, Weber State | SO | 11 | 704 | 256 | -5 | 847 | 221 | 8.15 | 1802 | 163.82 |
| Karrington Bush, Texas State | SR | 11 | 704 | 113 | 1 | 932 | 192 | 9.11 | 1750 | 159.09 |
| Nick Schwieger, Dartmouth | JR | 9 | 1133 | 210 | 0 | 86 | 277 | 5.16 | 1429 | 158.78 |
| Frank Warren, Grambling | SR | 11 | 1537 | 158 | 0 | 33 | 252 | 6.86 | 1728 | 157.09 |
| Carlos Anderson, Northern Iowa | SO | 12 | 974 | 122 | 34 | 680 | 215 | 8.42 | 1810 | 150.83 |
| Marcus Harris, Murray State | SR | 9 | 21 | 1057 | 8 | 231 | 103 | 12.79 | 1317 | 146.33 |
| D.J. McNorton, North Dakota State | JR | 14 | 1559 | 433 | 0 | 27 | 306 | 6.60 | 2019 | 144.21 |
| Kyle Minett, South Dakota State | SR | 10 | 1208 | 192 | 0 | 0 | 262 | 5.34 | 1400 | 140.00 |
| Rudell Small, Jacksonville | SR | 11 | 1145 | 364 | 0 | 0 | 222 | 6.80 | 1509 | 137.18 |
| Trey Peacock, Princeton | SR | 10 | 17 | 955 | 0 | 394 | 98 | 13.94 | 1366 | 136.60 |
| Myles Russ, Robert Morris | SR | 11 | 1363 | 132 | 0 | 0 | 245 | 6.10 | 1495 | 135.91 |
| Tyler Smith, Bucknell | SO | 11 | 426 | 261 | 0 | 802 | 173 | 8.61 | 1489 | 135.36 |
| Jonathan Grimes, William & Mary | JR | 12 | 887 | 260 | 0 | 473 | 254 | 6.38 | 1620 | 135.00 |
| Fesi Sitake, Southern Utah | SR | 11 | 0 | 877 | 269 | 317 | 121 | 12.09 | 1463 | 133.00 |

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

| YEAR | G | REC | YDS | TD | REC/G | |
|--|----|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| SRC | 9 | 84 | 1057 | 9 | 9.33 | |
| SRC | 11 | 101 | 1429 | 10 | 9.18 | |
| SOC | 11 | 86 | 1100 | 12 | 7.82 | |
| SRC | 11 | 85 | 1230 | 11 | 7.73 | |
| JR | 10 | 76 | 1081 | 15 | 7.60 | |
| SRC | 11 | 82 | 877 | 5 | 7.45 | |
| JR | 11 | 81 | 1284 | 8 | 7.36 | |
| SRC | 10 | 72 | 955 | 6 | 7.20 | |
| James Summers, Liberty | SR | 11 | 74 | 844 | 8 | 6.73 |
| Fesi Sitake, Southern Utah | SR | 11 | 73 | 754 | 2 | 6.64 |
| Brad Bradford, Chattanooga | SR | 11 | 72 | 1025 | 7 | 6.55 |
| Kenneth Robey, Central Arkansas | SR | 11 | 71 | 809 | 6 | 6.45 |
| Davion Curry-Chapman, Northern Arizona | SR | 11 | 69 | 738 | 6 | 6.27 |
| Godfrey Smith, San Diego | SR | 11 | 68 | 1024 | 7 | 6.18 |
| Zach Watkins, Butler | JR | 11 | 68 | 703 | 3 | 6.18 |
| Gralyn Crawford, Stephen F. Austin | SO | 12 | 74 | 981 | 5 | 6.17 |
| Terrance Fox, New Hampshire | SR | 13 | 80 | 821 | 7 | 6.15 |
| Alexander Tounkara, Brown | SR | 10 | 61 | 842 | 4 | 6.10 |
| Dominique Barnes, Youngstown State | SR | 11 | 67 | 911 | 4 | 6.09 |

INTERCEPTIONS PER GAME

| YEAR | G | NO | YDS | TD | INT/6 | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| Moses Ellis, Prairie View | SRC | 11 | 8 | 112 | 0 | 0.73 |
| Torez Jones, Western Carolina | JR | 10 | 7 | 54 | 0 | 0.70 |
| Charles James, Charleston Southern | SO | 9 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0.67 |
| D'Vonte Graham, North Carolina A&T | SO | 11 | 7 | 33 | 0 | 0.64 |
| E.J. Jones, Illinois State | SR | 11 | 7 | 28 | 0 | 0.64 |
| Jestin Love, Central Arkansas | FR | 10 | 6 | 166 | 2 | 0.60 |
| Michael Williams, Bethune-Cookman | SR | 10 | 6 | 51 | 0 | 0.60 |
| Kejuan Riley, Alabama State | SO | 12 | 7 | 56 | 0 | 0.58 |
| Thomas Broaddus, Samford | SR | 11 | 6 | 80 | 0 | 0.55 |
| Al-Rilwan Adeyemi, San Diego | JR | 11 | 6 | 66 | 1 | 0.55 |
| Calvin Burnett, Indiana State | FR | 11 | 6 | 39 | 0 | 0.55 |
| Re'Keem Wilson, Southeast Louisiana | | | | | | |

TEAM LEADERS

PUNT RETURNS

(MINIMUM OF 1.2 RETURNS PER GAME)

| YEAR | NO | YDS | TD | Avg |
|--|----|-----|-----|-------|
| Dontrell Johnson, Murray State | JR | 15 | 342 | 2 |
| Tavoy Moore, Idaho State | JR | 15 | 275 | 2 |
| Shawn Abuhoff, Dartmouth | JR | 18 | 310 | 3 |
| Freddie Santana, Holy Cross | SR | 16 | 268 | 1 |
| Klare Thompson, Grambling | SR | 23 | 329 | 0 |
| Courtney Keith, Bethune-Cookman | SO | 14 | 192 | 0 |
| Michael Lahart, Drake | JR | 15 | 203 | 1 |
| Richard Christie, South Carolina State | SR | 23 | 310 | 1 |
| Da'Marcus Griggs, Texas State | SR | 21 | 280 | 1 |
| James LaMachia, Marist | JR | 18 | 240 | 1 |
| Tyler Hujik, Dayton | SO | 14 | 183 | 0 |
| Peter Nguyen, Montana | SO | 24 | 307 | 0 |
| Monty Smalley, Old Dominion | SO | 24 | 304 | 0 |
| Asa Jackson, Cal Poly | JR | 17 | 214 | 0 |
| Justin Rogers, Richmond | SR | 15 | 186 | 0 |
| Jordan Brown, Weber State | SR | 23 | 284 | 0 |
| Michael Rainey-Wiles, VMI | SR | 18 | 221 | 1 |
| Dominic Gunn, Northern Colorado | SO | 21 | 248 | 0 |
| Brandon Closner, Sam Houston State | JR | 33 | 380 | 1 |
| Gio Christodoulou, Yale | SR | 18 | 207 | 0 |
| | | | | 11.50 |

RUSHING OFFENSE

| | 6 | CAB | YDS | Avg | TD | YDS% |
|--------------------------|----|-----|------|------|----|--------|
| Wofford | 13 | 697 | 3871 | 5.55 | 35 | 29.77 |
| Colgate | 11 | 589 | 3037 | 5.16 | 31 | 276.09 |
| Southeast Missouri State | 12 | 632 | 3181 | 5.03 | 31 | 265.08 |
| Georgia Southern | 15 | 849 | 3918 | 4.61 | 40 | 261.20 |
| Cal Poly | 11 | 589 | 2782 | 4.72 | 30 | 252.91 |
| Penn | 10 | 469 | 2436 | 5.19 | 28 | 243.60 |
| Stony Brook | 11 | 429 | 2398 | 5.59 | 26 | 218.00 |
| Appalachian State | 13 | 547 | 2826 | 5.17 | 36 | 217.38 |
| Northern Iowa | 12 | 521 | 2599 | 4.99 | 19 | 216.58 |
| Youngstown State | 11 | 503 | 2365 | 4.70 | 30 | 215.00 |
| Missouri State | 11 | 485 | 2356 | 4.86 | 29 | 214.18 |
| Texas Southern | 12 | 600 | 2564 | 4.27 | 24 | 213.67 |
| Bethune-Cookman | 12 | 581 | 2533 | 4.39 | 39 | 212.75 |
| Central Connecticut | 11 | 532 | 2337 | 4.39 | 27 | 212.45 |
| Grambling | 11 | 446 | 2287 | 5.13 | 26 | 207.91 |
| Campbell | 11 | 506 | 2285 | 4.52 | 26 | 207.73 |
| Citadel | 11 | 586 | 2275 | 3.88 | 13 | 206.82 |
| Portland State | 11 | 471 | 2236 | 4.75 | 17 | 203.27 |
| Harvard | 10 | 416 | 1980 | 4.76 | 20 | 198.00 |
| Villanova | 14 | 617 | 2728 | 4.42 | 29 | 194.86 |

TURNOVER MARGIN

| GAINED | | | | LOST | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|--------|-----------|------|-----|------|----------|
| FUM | INT | FORCED | RECOVERED | FUM | INT | LOST | MARGIN/G |
| Bethune-Cookman | 22 | 19 | 41 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 2.25 |
| Jacksonville | 13 | 16 | 29 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 1.27 |
| Stony Brook | 9 | 17 | 26 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 1.18 |
| Delaware | 11 | 21 | 32 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 1.08 |
| Southeast Missouri State | 9 | 20 | 29 | 13 | 3 | 16 | 1.08 |
| New Hampshire | 11 | 23 | 34 | 8 | 12 | 20 | 1.07 |
| North Dakota State | 19 | 18 | 37 | 12 | 10 | 22 | 1.07 |
| Dayton | 8 | 12 | 20 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1.00 |
| Mississippi Valley State | 16 | 7 | 23 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 0.90 |
| Western Illinois | 13 | 11 | 24 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 0.85 |
| William & Mary | 7 | 13 | 20 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 0.83 |
| Furman | 12 | 14 | 26 | 8 | 9 | 17 | 0.82 |
| Robert Morris | 8 | 18 | 26 | 7 | 10 | 17 | 0.82 |
| Samford | 11 | 15 | 26 | 2 | 15 | 17 | 0.82 |
| San Diego | 9 | 14 | 23 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 0.82 |
| UC Davis | 15 | 9 | 24 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 0.82 |
| Eastern Washington | 21 | 26 | 47 | 19 | 16 | 35 | 0.80 |
| Appalachian State | 15 | 14 | 29 | 11 | 8 | 19 | 0.77 |
| Alcorn State | 17 | 14 | 31 | 10 | 13 | 23 | 0.73 |
| Central Arkansas | 13 | 17 | 30 | 13 | 9 | 22 | 0.73 |

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PUNTING

(MINIMUM OF 3.6 PUNTS PER GAME)

| YEAR | 6 | CAB | YDS | Avg |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----|------|-------|
| David Harrington, Idaho State | 10 | 304 | 736 | 2.42 |
| Jonathan Plisco, Old Dominion | 11 | 43 | 1905 | 44.30 |
| Greg Wood, Valparaiso | SO | 10 | 67 | 2924 |
| Patrick Dolan, Nicholls State | 11 | 63 | 2721 | 43.19 |
| Dominic Scamocchia, Villanova | JR | 13 | 53 | 2287 |
| David Miller, William & Mary | SR | 10 | 49 | 2109 |
| David Berry, Eastern Kentucky | FR | 11 | 54 | 2318 |
| Kevin Cook, Eastern Illinois | SR | 11 | 55 | 2360 |
| Joe Cloud, Princeton | SO | 9 | 34 | 1453 |
| John Prelitz, North Dakota State | JR | 14 | 75 | 3197 |
| Thomas Duymand, Portland State | SO | 10 | 51 | 2171 |
| Drew Zamora, Northern Arizona | JR | 11 | 48 | 2025 |
| Drew Nelson, Stephen F. Austin | JR | 12 | 64 | 2665 |
| Benn Follis, Texas State | JR | 11 | 49 | 2039 |
| Nick Liste, Youngstown State | FR | 11 | 41 | 1698 |
| Ryan Key, Austin Peay | SR | 11 | 52 | 2144 |
| Charlie Edwards, Georgia Southern | JR | 15 | 56 | 2298 |
| Brady Russo, Northwestern State | SR | 11 | 68 | 2789 |
| Nick Schirzinger, Robert Morris | SR | 11 | 53 | 2173 |
| Taylor Cisneros, Tennessee State | SR | 11 | 59 | 2409 |
| Josh Duran, Southern | SR | 11 | 59 | 2409 |
| | | | | 40.83 |

FIELD GOALS

| YEAR | G | FGA | FGM | PCT | FG%6 |
|--------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Matt Bevins, Liberty | JR | 27 | 20 | .741 | 1.82 |
| Jason Cunningham, Montana State | JR | 24 | 20 | .833 | 1.67 |
| Kemar Scarlet, Morgan State | SR | 24 | 18 | .750 | 1.64 |
| Zach Brown, Portland State | SO | 26 | 18 | .692 | 1.64 |
| Cameron Yaw, Samford | SO | 23 | 17 | .739 | 1.55 |
| Blake Erickson, South Carolina State | JR | 21 | 18 | .857 | 1.50 |
| Alexander Norceca, Brown | FR | 20 | 15 | .714 | 1.50 |
| Eric Spillane, Monmouth | FR | 22 | 16 | .727 | 1.45 |
| Drake Kuhn, William & Mary | FR | 9 | 13 | .722 | 1.44 |
| Patrick Jacob, Princeton | JR | 18 | 14 | .778 | 1.40 |
| Shaun McClain, Weber State | FR | 20 | 15 | .750 | 1.36 |
| William Griswold, Southern | JR | 20 | 15 | .750 | 1.36 |
| Kieren Culan, Murray State | JR | 23 | 15 | .652 | 1.36 |
| Mike Perry, Delaware | JR | 26 | 20 | .769 | 1.33 |
| Brock Miller, Southern Utah | FR | 9 | 17 | .706 | 1.33 |
| Matt Myers, Northern Arizona | JR | 18 | 14 | .778 | 1.27 |
| Brody McKnight, Montana | JR | 18 | 14 | .778 | 1.27 |
| Eric Duale, Duquesne | SO | 18 | 14 | .778 | 1.27 |
| Steven Fetzer, Illinois State | SR | 20 | 14 | .700 | 1.27 |
| Davis Rodriguez, Lafayette | SR | 20 | 14 | .700 | 1.27 |
| David Lang, Butler | JR | 23 | 14 | .609 | 1.27 |
| Miguel Antonio, Sam Houston State | SO | 23 | 14 | .609 | 1.27 |
| | | | | | 1.27 |

KICKOFF RETURNS

(MINIMUM OF 1.2 RETURNS PER GAME)

| YEAR | NO | YDS | TD | Avg |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----|------|-------|
| Larone Moore, Delaware State | JR | 15 | 522 | 2 |
| Jeremy Caldwell, Eastern Kentucky | JR | 14 | 472 | 2 |
| Colby Goodwyn, Old Dominion | FR | 23 | 686 | 0 |
| Ryan Ho, Duquesne | FR | 14 | 412 | 0 |
| John Kennedy, Lehigh | SR | 19 | 547 | 0 |
| Tyler Smith, Bucknell | SO | 28 | 802 | 1 |
| Jesse Hoffman, Eastern Washington | SR | 25 | 712 | 3 |
| Gay Hunter, Dayton | FR | 27 | 762 | 1 |
| Gratly Crawford, Stephen F. Austin | SO | 37 | 1038 | 3 |
| Gerald Stevenson, Charleston Southern | SR | 22 | 613 | 3 |
| Mark Rodgers, Cal Poly | JR | 32 | 878 | 0 |
| Karrington Bush, Texas State | SR | 34 | 932 | 0 |
| Quendarius McElroy, Alabama State | FR | 14 | 382 | 0 |
| Carlos Anderson, Northern Iowa | SO | 25 | 680 | 2 |
| Chris Smith, Yale | SO | 27 | 732 | 2 |
| Torian Warren, North Carolina A&T | SO | 17 | 460 | 1 |
| Bradford Blackmon, Penn | SR | 15 | 404 | 0 |
| Jeremy Moore, Georgetown | SO | 23 | 618 | 1 |
| Justin Ferrell, North Carolina A&T | JR | 26 | 694 | 3 |
| Laron Scott, Georgia Southern | JR | 44 | 1161 | 0 |
| | | | | 26.39 |

RUSHING DEFENSE

| | 6 | CAB | YDS | Avg | TD | YDS% |
|---------------------------|----|------|------|------|----|-------|
| Penn | 10 | 304 | 736 | 2.42 | 4 | 7.60 |
| Dayton | 11 | 322 | 862 | 2.68 | 8 | 7.83 |
| Texas Southern | 12 | 356 | 978 | 2.75 | 11 | 8.10 |
| South Carolina State | 12 | 470 | 1097 | 2.33 | 14 | 9.12 |
| Northern Arizona | 11 | 350 | 1029 | 2.94 | 10 | 9.35 |
| Drake | 11 | 384 | 1036 | 2.70 | 13 | 9.38 |
| Villanova | 14 | 439 | 1394 | 3.18 | 13 | 9.57 |
| Sam Houston State | 11 | 327 | 1101 | 3.37 | 15 | 10.00 |
| Yale | 10 | 337 | 1026 | 3.04 | 10 | 10.20 |
| Northern Iowa | 12 | 406 | 1253 | 3.09 | 13 | 10.42 |
| Harvard | 10 | 349 | 1046 | 3.00 | 10 | 10.60 |
| Delaware | 15 | 450 | 1579 | 3.51 | 6 | 10.57 |
| Jacksonville | 11 | 378 | 1171 | 3.10 | 12 | 10.65 |
| Cal Poly | 11 | 349 | 1175 | 3.37 | 13 | 10.68 |
| Montana State | 12 | 454 | 1266 | 3.45 | 20 | 10.72 |
| Stephen F. Austin | 12 | 402 | 4849 | 5.59 | 34 | 10.82 |
| Weber State | 11 | 777 | 4787 | 6.16 | 47 | 10.85 |
| Elon | 11 | 772 | 4742 | 6.14 | 40 | 10.99 |
| Appalachian State | 13 | 905 | 5601 | 6.19 | 59 | 10.95 |
| Appalachian State | 13 | 905 | 5601 | 6.19 | 59 | 10.95 |
| Chattanooga | 11 | 799 | 4730 | 5.92 | 49 | 10.90 |
| Bethune-Cookman | 12 | 886 | 5107 | 5.76 | 46 | 10.85 |
| Missouri State | 11 | 802 | 4680 | 5.84 | 43 | 10.58 |
| Massachusetts | 11 | 811 | 4544 | 5.60 | 39 | 10.49 |
| Jacksonville | 11 | 785 | 4558 | 5.78 | 40 | 10.46 |
| Youngstown State | 11 | 812 | 4532 | 5.58 | 44 | 10.40 |
| Indiana State | 11 | 737 | 4530 | 6.15 | 48 | 10.32 |
| Colgate | 11 | 794 | 4475 | 5.64 | 33 | 10.28 |
| UT Martin | 15 | 1044 | 6027 | 5.77 | 52 | 10.28 |
| Delaware | 11 | 791 | 4394 | 5.55 | 42 | 10.25 |
| Central Connecticut State | 11 | 791 | 4394 | 5.55 | 42 | 10.25 |

TOTAL OFFENSE

| | 6 | PLAYS | YDS | Avg | TD | YDS% |
|----------------------|----|-------|------|------|----|-------|
| Jacksonville | 12 | 692 | 2459 | 3.55 | 28 | 20.92 |
| South Carolina State | 12 | 760 | 2508 | 3.30 | 23 | 20.90 |
| Hampton | 11 | 750 | 2986 | 3.98 | 27 | 21.45 |
| Penn | 10 | 642 | 2729 | 4.25 | 18 | 21.70 |
| Delaware | 15 | 935 | 4211 | 4.50 | 22 | 20.73 |
| Norfolk State | 11 | 672 | 3125 | 4.65 | 25 | 20.48 |
| Wofford | 13 | 824 | 3717 | 4.51 | 29 | 20.45 |
| James Madison | 11 | 698 | 3156 | 4.52 | 15 | 20. |

2010 RECAP

FBS

CONFERENCE OVERALL
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ACC

| | ATLANTIC | | |
|----------------|----------|---|---------|
| Florida State | 6 | 2 | 239 144 |
| Maryland | 5 | 3 | 230 192 |
| N.C. State | 5 | 3 | 258 190 |
| Boston College | 4 | 4 | 134 163 |
| Clemson | 4 | 4 | 162 126 |
| Wake Forest | 1 | 7 | 135 308 |

| | COASTAL | | |
|----------------|---------|---|---------|
| Virginia Tech | 8 | 0 | 278 113 |
| Miami (Fla.) | 5 | 3 | 205 174 |
| North Carolina | 4 | 4 | 195 198 |
| Georgia Tech | 4 | 4 | 189 220 |
| Duke | 1 | 7 | 194 270 |
| Virginia | 1 | 7 | 160 281 |

BIG EAST

| | ATLANTIC | | |
|---------------|----------|---|---------|
| Connecticut | 5 | 2 | 150 133 |
| West Virginia | 5 | 2 | 171 85 |
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 2 | 189 123 |
| Syracuse | 4 | 3 | 116 136 |
| South Florida | 3 | 4 | 131 147 |
| Louisville | 3 | 4 | 155 234 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 5 | 178 237 |
| Rutgers | 1 | 6 | 150 250 |

BIG TEN

| | NORTHWEST | | |
|----------------|-----------|---|---------|
| Ohio State | 7 | 1 | 276 102 |
| Michigan State | 7 | 1 | 229 172 |
| Wisconsin | 7 | 1 | 362 189 |
| Iowa | 4 | 4 | 205 148 |
| Illinois | 4 | 4 | 286 218 |
| Penn State | 4 | 4 | 202 220 |
| Michigan | 3 | 5 | 247 314 |
| Northwestern | 3 | 5 | 185 270 |
| Purdue | 2 | 6 | 149 257 |
| Minnesota | 2 | 6 | 172 272 |
| Indiana | 1 | 7 | 166 316 |

BIG 12

| | NORTH | | |
|--------------|-------|---|---------|
| Nebraska | 6 | 2 | 245 150 |
| Missouri | 6 | 2 | 213 126 |
| Kansas State | 3 | 5 | 258 242 |
| Iowa State | 3 | 5 | 172 233 |
| Colorado | 2 | 6 | 199 274 |
| Kansas | 1 | 7 | 116 335 |

| | SOUTH | | |
|----------------|-------|---|---------|
| Oklahoma | 6 | 2 | 314 171 |
| Oklahoma State | 6 | 2 | 314 222 |
| Texas A&M | 6 | 2 | 242 177 |
| Baylor | 4 | 4 | 283 291 |
| Texas Tech | 3 | 5 | 199 279 |
| Texas | 2 | 6 | 154 209 |

CONFERENCE USA

| | EAST | | |
|---------------|------|---|---------|
| UCF | 7 | 1 | 326 165 |
| Southern Miss | 5 | 3 | 360 277 |
| East Carolina | 5 | 3 | 346 327 |
| Marshall | 4 | 4 | 170 209 |
| UAB | 3 | 5 | 198 253 |
| Memphis | 0 | 8 | 128 306 |

| | WEST | | |
|---------|------|---|---------|
| SMU | 6 | 2 | 232 201 |
| Tulsa | 6 | 2 | 346 233 |
| Houston | 4 | 4 | 327 245 |
| UTEP | 3 | 5 | 182 207 |
| Rice | 3 | 5 | 269 337 |
| Tulane | 2 | 6 | 219 343 |

CONFERENCE OVERALL
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MID-AMERICAN

EAST

| | MIAMI (OHIO) | OHIO | TEMPLE | KENT STATE | BOWLING GREEN | BUFFALO | AKRON |
|--|--------------|------|--------|------------|---------------|---------|-------|
| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 143 | 102 | 117 |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 143 | 102 | 117 |
| | 182 | 235 | 184 | 174 | 247 | 105 | 187 |
| | 143 | 153 | 132 | 170 | 247 | 170 | 187 |
| | 302 | 357 | 300 | 256 | 403 | 334 | 421 |
| | 325 | 309 | 229 | 275 | 403 | 334 | 421 |

WEST

| | NORTHERN ILLINOIS | TOLEDO | WESTERN MICHIGAN | BALL STATE | CENTRAL MICHIGAN | EASTERN MICHIGAN |
|--|-------------------|--------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 8 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| | 382 | 269 | 199 | 201 | 177 | 154 |
| | 127 | 151 | 199 | 259 | 177 | 154 |
| | 265 | 371 | 363 | 365 | 312 | 316 |

MOUNTAIN WEST

| | TCU | UTAH | AIR FORCE | SAN DIEGO STATE | BYU | COLORADO STATE | UNLV | NEW MEXICO | WYOMING |
|--|-----|------|-----------|-----------------|-----|----------------|------|------------|---------|
| | 8 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| | 342 | 273 | 242 | 267 | 226 | 143 | 154 | 139 | 169 |
| | 75 | 153 | 194 | 218 | 148 | 276 | 295 | 230 | 244 |
| | 156 | 133 | 191 | 218 | 186 | 340 | 316 | 288 | 364 |
| | 541 | 430 | 401 | 397 | 340 | 284 | 316 | 293 | 364 |

PAC-10

| | OREGON | STANFORD | WASHINGTON | USC | OREGON STATE | ARIZONA | ARIZONA STATE | CALIFORNIA | UCLA | WASHINGTON STATE |
|--|--------|----------|------------|-----|--------------|---------|---------------|------------|------|------------------|
| | 9 | 8 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 10 |
| | 403 | 327 | 159 | 186 | 213 | 230 | 251 | 179 | 246 | 308 |
| | 208 | 226 | 159 | 186 | 213 | 230 | 251 | 179 | 246 | 308 |
| | 198 | 205 | 159 | 186 | 213 | 230 | 251 | 179 | 246 | 308 |
| | 166 | 174 | 159 | 186 | 213 | 230 | 251 | 179 | 246 | 308 |

SEC

| | MISSISSIPPI | FLORIDA | GEORGIA | LOUISIANA | KENTUCKY | VANDERBILT | MISSOURI | ARKANSAS | LSU | AUBURN |
|--|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|-----|--------|
| | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| | 194 | 224 | 186 | 230 | 214 | 194 | 227 | 217 | 212 | 306 |
| | 305 | 327 | 224 | 230 | 214 | 194 | 227 | 217 | 212 | 306 |
| | 176 | 192 | 186 | 205 | 191 | 176 | 227 | 217 | 212 | 306 |
| | 156 | 176 | 161 | 194 | 176 | 156 | 227 | 217 | 212 | 306 |

SUN BELT

| | FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL | TROY | MIDDLE TENNESSEE | ARKANSAS STATE | LOUISIANA-MONROE | FLORIDA ATLANTIC | LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE | NORTH TEXAS | WESTERN KENTUCKY | MISSISSIPPI |
|--|-----------------------|------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 |
| | 261 | 270 | 219 | 257 | 219 | 133 | 181 | 205 | 203 | 367 |
| | 191 | 201 | 181 | 214 | 191 | 133 | 181 | 205 | 203 | 367 |
| | 128 | 143 | 124 | 168 | 128 | 85 | 124 | 189 | 187 | 367 |
| | 128 | 143 | 124 | 168 | 128 | 85 | 124 | 189 | 187 | 367 |

WESTERN ATHLETIC

| | NEVADA | BOISE STATE | HAWAII | FRESNO STATE | LOUISIANA TECH | IDAHO | UTAH STATE | NEW MEXICO STATE | SAN JOSE STATE | YOUNGSTOWN STATE |
|--|--------|-------------|--------|--------------|----------------|-------|------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | 331 | 382 | 314 | 231 | 250 | 187 | 164 | 125 | 160 | 236 |
| | 187 | 199 | 159 | 241 | 264 | 174 | 264 | 188 | 149 | 209 |
| | 143 | 153 | 104 | 377 | 321 | 168 | 264 | 187 | 129 | 209 |
| | 300 | 325 | 357 | 394 | 321 | 268 | 405 | 474 | 351 | 316 |

INDEPENDENTS

| | NAVY | NOTRE DAME | ARMY |
|--|------|------------|------|
| | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| | 4 | 348 | 303 |
| | 306 | 342 | 316 |

CONFERENCE OVERALL
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CONFERENCE OVERALL
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BIG SKY

| | Montana State | E. Washington | Montana | Sacramento State |
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D2

| CONFERENCE | | | OVERALL | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|----|---------|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | | | |
| Virginia State | 7 | 1 | 206 | 86 | 8 | 2 | 268 | 158 |
| Bowie State | 6 | 2 | 224 | 135 | 6 | 4 | 245 | 169 |
| Elizabeth City State | 6 | 3 | 271 | 165 | 6 | 4 | 291 | 212 |
| Virginia Union | 3 | 7 | 287 | 343 | 3 | 7 | 287 | 343 |
| St. Paul's | 2 | 6 | 134 | 200 | 2 | 8 | 176 | 277 |

EAST

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|-----|-----|---|----|-----|-----|
| Shaw | 8 | 0 | 277 | 142 | 8 | 3 | 330 | 269 |
| St. Augustine's | 6 | 1 | 239 | 133 | 8 | 2 | 292 | 205 |
| Fayetteville State | 5 | 4 | 318 | 205 | 5 | 5 | 318 | 244 |
| Chowan | 3 | 5 | 163 | 298 | 3 | 7 | 186 | 413 |
| Johnson C. Smith | 1 | 6 | 120 | 294 | 2 | 8 | 186 | 413 |
| Livingstone | 0 | 8 | 37 | 322 | 0 | 11 | 48 | 494 |

GREAT LAKES

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Grand Valley State | 9 | 1 | 394 | 167 | 11 | 2 | 469 | 249 |
| Wayne State (Mich.) | 9 | 2 | 347 | 228 | 9 | 2 | 347 | 228 |
| Hillsdale | 9 | 2 | 345 | 232 | 9 | 3 | 373 | 274 |
| Michigan Tech | 8 | 2 | 305 | 166 | 8 | 2 | 305 | 166 |
| Ashland | 7 | 3 | 391 | 182 | 8 | 3 | 415 | 196 |
| Indianapolis | 5 | 5 | 223 | 228 | 6 | 5 | 261 | 238 |
| Northern Michigan | 5 | 5 | 215 | 176 | 5 | 6 | 221 | 183 |
| Ferris State | 5 | 6 | 273 | 299 | 5 | 6 | 273 | 299 |
| Northwood | 5 | 6 | 313 | 355 | 5 | 6 | 313 | 355 |
| Saginaw Valley State | 4 | 6 | 262 | 270 | 4 | 7 | 303 | 312 |
| Ohio Dominican | 3 | 7 | 186 | 280 | 3 | 7 | 186 | 280 |
| Lake Erie | 2 | 8 | 229 | 429 | 2 | 9 | 263 | 464 |
| Findlay | 1 | 9 | 132 | 333 | 1 | 10 | 135 | 349 |
| Tiffin | 0 | 10 | 172 | 442 | 1 | 10 | 203 | 463 |

GREAT NORTHWEST

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| Central Washington | 7 | 1 | 235 | 131 | 8 | 3 | 304 | 201 |
| Humboldt State | 6 | 2 | 259 | 134 | 8 | 3 | 357 | 202 |
| Western Oregon | 5 | 3 | 217 | 137 | 7 | 4 | 296 | 208 |
| Dixie State | 2 | 6 | 132 | 262 | 2 | 8 | 146 | 348 |
| Simon Fraser | 0 | 8 | 132 | 311 | 1 | 9 | 177 | 362 |

GULF SOUTH

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|-----|-----|----|---|-----|-----|
| Delta State | 8 | 2 | 346 | 296 | 11 | 3 | 461 | 369 |
| Valdosta State | 6 | 3 | 190 | 150 | 8 | 3 | 260 | 189 |
| Henderson State | 6 | 3 | 313 | 206 | 7 | 4 | 388 | 256 |
| West Alabama | 6 | 3 | 277 | 224 | 7 | 4 | 327 | 245 |
| North Alabama | 7 | 4 | 293 | 181 | 9 | 4 | 378 | 191 |
| Harding | 5 | 4 | 262 | 216 | 6 | 4 | 289 | 216 |
| Ouachita Baptist | 4 | 4 | 244 | 224 | 6 | 4 | 352 | 247 |
| West Georgia | 2 | 6 | 153 | 239 | 3 | 7 | 184 | 269 |
| Arkansas Tech | 2 | 7 | 158 | 284 | 4 | 7 | 234 | 317 |
| Arkansas-Monticello | 2 | 7 | 199 | 275 | 3 | 8 | 244 | 313 |
| Southern Arkansas | 2 | 7 | 151 | 291 | 2 | 8 | 168 | 322 |

LONE STAR

| NORTH | | | SOUTH | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|-------|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| Northeastern State | 6 | 4 | 261 | 285 | 6 | 5 | 275 | 340 |
| East Central | 5 | 5 | 225 | 269 | 5 | 6 | 248 | 314 |
| Eastern New Mexico | 4 | 6 | 321 | 306 | 5 | 6 | 380 | 327 |
| SE Oklahoma | 3 | 7 | 287 | 348 | 3 | 8 | 300 | 392 |
| SW Oklahoma | 3 | 7 | 178 | 355 | 3 | 8 | 185 | 382 |
| Central Oklahoma | 2 | 8 | 336 | 376 | 2 | 9 | 356 | 407 |
| Texas A&M-Commerce | 2 | 8 | 178 | 289 | 3 | 8 | 211 | 299 |

EAST

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|---|-----|-----|----|---|-----|-----|
| Abilene Christian | 10 | 0 | 445 | 177 | 11 | 1 | 520 | 258 |
| Texas A&M-Kingsville | 9 | 1 | 292 | 150 | 10 | 2 | 339 | 192 |
| West Texas A&M | 8 | 2 | 438 | 226 | 8 | 4 | 504 | 315 |
| Midwestern State | 7 | 3 | 216 | 236 | 8 | 3 | 368 | 242 |
| Angelo State | 5 | 5 | 345 | 303 | 5 | 5 | 345 | 303 |
| Incarnate Word | 3 | 7 | 216 | 388 | 3 | 8 | 236 | 416 |
| Tarleton State | 3 | 7 | 222 | 352 | 3 | 8 | 236 | 369 |

MID-AMERICA

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|---|-----|-----|----|---|-----|-----|
| NW Missouri State | 11 | 0 | 425 | 225 | 12 | 2 | 480 | 289 |
| Central Missouri | 8 | 2 | 338 | 246 | 11 | 3 | 562 | 390 |
| Washburn | 6 | 3 | 341 | 240 | 7 | 4 | 401 | 303 |
| Missouri Western | 6 | 4 | 264 | 250 | 8 | 4 | 381 | 267 |
| Nebraska-Omaha | 5 | 4 | 331 | 292 | 5 | 6 | 383 | 362 |
| Emporia State | 3 | 6 | 172 | 283 | 5 | 6 | 222 | 297 |
| Pittsburg State | 3 | 6 | 215 | 257 | 5 | 6 | 260 | 280 |
| Missouri Southern | 3 | 7 | 215 | 269 | 4 | 7 | 245 | 269 |
| Truman State | 2 | 7 | 187 | 309 | 4 | 7 | 243 | 352 |
| Fort Hays State | 1 | 8 | 223 | 309 | 3 | 8 | 313 | 352 |

NORTHEAST-10

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| New Haven | 6 | 2 | 252 | 197 | 8 | 2 | 316 | 214 |
| American Int'l. | 6 | 2 | 228 | 134 | 6 | 4 | 253 | 185 |
| S. Connecticut | 6 | 2 | 300 | 169 | 4 | 4 | 341 | 234 |
| Bentley | 5 | 2 | 218 | 144 | 5 | 4 | 260 | 224 |
| Merrimack | 4 | 4 | 293 | 256 | 4 | 6 | 348 | 347 |
| Stonehill | 4 | 4 | 244 | 237 | 5 | 6 | 264 | 251 |
| Assumption | 3 | 5 | 181 | 228 | 6 | 5 | 268 | 289 |
| St. Anselm | 2 | 6 | 196 | 330 | 2 | 8 | 217 | 415 |
| Pace | 0 | 8 | 144 | 361 | 0 | 9 | 144 | 418 |

NORTHERN SUN

| EAST | | | NORTH | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|-------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Minnesota-Duluth | 12 | 0 | 523 | 150 | 14 | 0 | 575 | 173 |
| St. Cloud | 9 | 3 | 376 | 211 | 10 | 3 | 418 | 239 |
| Bemidji State | 6 | 4 | 253 | 179 | 7 | 4 | 280 | 203 |
| Mary | 4 | 6 | 259 | 247 | 4 | 7 | 262 | 282 |
| Minn. St.- Moorhead | 2 | 8 | 163 | 367 | 2 | 9 | 163 | 397 |
| Northern State | 2 | 9 | 177 | 316 | 2 | 9 | 177 | 316 |
| Minnesota-Crookston | 0 | 10 | 69 | 490 | 1 | 10 | 106 | 496 |

PENNSYLVANIA STATE

| EASTERN | | | WESTERN | | | | | |
|------------------|----|---|---------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Bloomsburg | 10 | 2 | 454 | 252 | 10 | 3 | 468 | 276 |
| Kutztown | 9 | 1 | 391 | 280 | 10 | 2 | 466 | 321 |
| C.W. Post | 6 | 4 | 349 | 309 | 7 | 4 | 369 | 320 |
| Shippenburg | 5 | 5 | 261 | 225 | 5 | 6 | 288 | 260 |
| West Chester | 4 | 6 | 304 | 327 | 4 | 7 | 304 | 358 |
| East Stroudsburg | 2 | 8 | 294 | 271 | 2 | 9 | 217 | 209 |
| Millersville | 2 | 8 | 189 | 376 | 2 | 9 | 217 | 406 |
| Cheyney | 1 | 9 | 151 | 454 | 1 | 10 | 151 | 466 |

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

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|------------------|---|----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| California (Pa.) | 9 | 2 | 375 | 132 | 10 | 3 | 417 | 173 |
| Mercyhurst | 9 | 2 | 317 | 216 | 10 | 3 | 354 | 265 |
| Edinboro | 6 | 4 | 180 | 188 | 7 | 4 | 200 | 207 |
| Gannon | 5 | 5 | 214 | 187 | 6 | 5 | 249 | 221 |
| Indiana (Pa.) | 5 | 5 | 241 | 217 | 6 | 5 | 257 | 223 |
| Slippery Rock | 5 | 5 | 237 | 200 | 6 | 5 | 282 | 226 |
| Clarion | 4 | 6 | 204 | 232 | 4 | 7 | 231 | 245 |
| Lock Haven | 0 | 10 | 131 | 453 | 0 | 11 | 137 | 501 |

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|-------------------|---|---|-----|-----|----|---|-----|-----|
| Albany State | 9 | 0 | 277 | 85 | 11 | 1 | 342 | 155 |
| Tuskegee | 7 | 2 | 273 | 145 | 9 | 2 | 348 | 289 |
| Fort Valley State | 7 | 2 | 273 | 123 | 8 | 3 | 314 | 133 |
| Morehouse | 7 | 2 | 266 | 180 | 8 | 3 | 337 | 257 |
| Clark | 4 | 5 | 156 | 178 | 4 | 7 | 175 | 213 |
| Benedict | 4 | 5 | 194 | 216 | 5 | 6 | 255 | 291 |
| Miles | 3 | 6 | 204 | 224 | 3 | 8 | 152 | 316 |
| Kentucky State | 2 | 7 | 154 | 232 | 3 | 8 | 202 | 314 |
| Stillman | 2 | 7 | 148 | 305 | 3 | 8 | 209 | 336 |
| Lane | 0 | 9 | 117 | 274 | 0 | 9 | 117 | 274 |

INDEPENDENTS

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| Shepherd | 7 | 1 | 312 | 192 |

| CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | |
|-----------------|---|---------|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | |
| Mount Union | 9 | 0 | 361 | 51 |
| Ohio Northern | 8 | 1 | 314 | 108 |
| Baldwin-Wallace | 6 | 3 | 246 | 199 |
| Otterbein | 5 | 4 | 265 | 224 |
| Capital | 5 | 4 | 191 | 245 |
| John Carroll | 5 | 4 | 229 | 279 |
| Heidelberg | 4 | 5 | 280 | 295 |
| Muskingum | 2 | 7 | 126 | 271 |
| Marietta | 1 | 8 | 172 | 299 |
| Wilmington | 0 | 9 | 75 | 288 |

OHIO ATHLETIC

| | CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|----|---------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA | |
| Mount Union | 9 | 0 | 361 | 51 | 14 | 1 | 578 | 134 |
| Ohio Northern | 8 | 1 | 314 | 108 | 10 | 2 | 395 | 171 |
| Baldwin-Wallace | 6 | 3 | 246 | 199 | 7 | 3 | 284 | 213 |
| Otterbein | 5 | 4 | 265 | 224 | 6 | 4 | 303 | 224 |
| Capital | 5 | 4 | 191 | 245 | 5 | 5 | 212 | 287 |
| John Carroll | 5 | 4 | 229 | 279 | 5 | 5 | 242 | 309 |
| Heidelberg | 4 | 5 | 280 | 295 | 5 | 5 | 322 | 318 |
| Muskingum | 2 | 7 | 126 | 271 | 3 | 7 | 145 | 284 |
| Marietta | 1 | 8 | 172 | 299 | 2 | 8 | 200 | 306 |
| Wilmington | 0 | 9 | 75 | 288 | 0 | 10 | 82 | 312 |

OLD DOMINION ATHLETIC

| | CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------|----|---------|-----|---|----|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA | |
| Washington & Lee | 6 | 0 | 264 | 156 | 8 | 3 | 388 | 273 |
| Hampden-Sydney | 5 | 1 | 214 | 151 | 9 | 2 | 364 | 233 |
| Bridgewater (Va.) | 4 | 2 | 200 | 150 | 8 | 2 | 324 | 242 |
| Randolph-Macon | 3 | 3 | 231 | 175 | 7 | 3 | 416 | 254 |
| Cathedral | 2 | 4 | 153 | 231 | 4 | 6 | 256 | 341 |
| Emory & Henry | 1 | 5 | 124 | 187 | 5 | 5 | 244 | 226 |
| Guildford | 0 | 6 | 122 | 269 | 0 | 10 | 188 | 393 |

PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC

| | CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------|----|---------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA | |
| Thomas More | 8 | 0 | 261 | 96 | 11 | 1 | 399 | 191 |
| Washington & Jefferson | 7 | 1 | 281 | 151 | 9 | 2 | 356 | 225 |
| Waynesburg | 5 | 3 | 246 | 184 | 6 | 4 | 322 | 229 |
| Bethany | 4 | 4 | 222 | 256 | 5 | 5 | 253 | 313 |
| Geneva | 4 | 4 | 213 | 226 | 5 | 5 | 272 | 307 |
| Grove City | 4 | 4 | 156 | 187 | 5 | 5 | 194 | 229 |
| Saint Vincent | 3 | 5 | 185 | 185 | 3 | 7 | 222 | 232 |
| Westminster (Pa.) | 2 | 7 | 194 | 254 | 2 | 8 | 204 | 285 |
| Thiel | 0 | 8 | 74 | 285 | 0 | 10 | 81 | 334 |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

| | CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | | | | |
|---------------------|------------|----|---------|-----|---|----|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA | |
| Cal Lutheran | 6 | 0 | 206 | 67 | 8 | 2 | 327 | 192 |
| Redlands | 5 | 1 | 185 | 85 | 8 | 1 | 250 | 119 |
| Carmel-Mt St. Johns | 4 | 2 | 135 | 150 | 7 | 2 | 268 | 201 |
| Occidental | 3 | 3 | 118 | 156 | 4 | 5 | 211 | 240 |
| Whittier | 1 | 5 | 162 | 177 | 2 | 7 | 206 | 291 |
| La Verne | 1 | 5 | 117 | 177 | 1 | 8 | 162 | 301 |
| Pomona-Pitzer | 1 | 5 | 134 | 209 | 1 | 8 | 196 | 348 |

SOUTHERN COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC

| | CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | | | | |
|---------------------|------------|----|---------|-----|---|----|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA | |
| DePauw | 7 | 0 | 225 | 136 | 9 | 2 | 328 | 263 |
| Millsaps | 6 | 1 | 244 | 148 | 7 | 3 | 323 | 221 |
| Centre | 4 | 3 | 232 | 177 | 6 | 4 | 342 | 212 |
| Birmingham-Southern | 3 | 4 | 231 | 181 | 6 | 4 | 372 | 220 |
| Trinity (Texas) | 3 | 4 | 160 | 162 | 4 | 6 | 244 | 294 |
| Rhodes | 3 | 4 | 164 | 233 | 4 | 6 | 223 | 305 |
| Austin | 2 | 5 | 180 | 215 | 4 | 5 | 228 | 235 |
| Seawane | 0 | 7 | 66 | 250 | 1 | 9 | 116 | 350 |

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

| | CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|----|---------|-----|---|----|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA | |
| Chicago | 3 | 0 | 98 | 52 | 8 | 2 | 317 | 190 |
| Washington (Mo.) | 2 | 1 | 44 | 39 | 7 | 3 | 190 | 139 |
| Case Western Reserve | 1 | 2 | 61 | 38 | 8 | 2 | 283 | 141 |
| Carnegie Mellon | 0 | 3 | 35 | 109 | 4 | 6 | 246 | 290 |

UPPER MIDWEST

| | CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|----|---------|-----|---|----|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA | |
| Greenville | 6 | 0 | 278 | 91 | 7 | 3 | 313 | 216 |
| St. Scholastica | 5 | 2 | 175 | 137 | 7 | 3 | 251 | 231 |
| Crown | 4 | 2 | 193 | 199 | 6 | 3 | 331 | 292 |
| Martin Luther | 4 | 2 | 179 | 116 | 5 | 4 | 249 | 197 |
| Minnesota-Morris | 4 | 2 | 179 | 151 | 5 | 4 | 286 | 262 |
| Westminster (Mo.) | 3 | 4 | 186 | 142 | 5 | 5 | 254 | 209 |
| Eureka | 2 | 5 | 179 | 266 | 2 | 8 | 207 | 409 |
| Northwestern (Minn.) | 1 | 5 | 124 | 176 | 1 | 8 | 141 | 292 |
| MacMurray | 0 | 7 | 134 | 309 | 0 | 10 | 160 | 462 |

USA SOUTH

| | CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | | | | |
|---------------------|------------|----|---------|-----|---|----|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA | |
| N.C. Wesleyan | 6 | 1 | 243 | 84 | 7 | 3 | 304 | 142 |
| Christopher Newport | 6 | 1 | 215 | 93 | 6 | 5 | 269 | 277 |
| Ferrum | 4 | 3 | 225 | 172 | 4 | 6 | 283 | 250 |
| Shenandoah | 4 | 3 | 129 | 176 | 4 | 6 | 187 | 272 |
| Averett | 3 | 4 | 128 | 119 | 5 | 5 | 223 | 183 |
| Maryville (Tenn.) | 3 | 4 | 130 | 141 | 4 | 6 | 153 | 247 |
| Greensboro | 1 | 6 | 83 | 266 | 2 | 8 | 113 | 318 |
| Methodist | 1 | 6 | 118 | 220 | 2 | 8 | 164 | 344 |

WISCONSIN INTERCOLLEGiate

| | CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|----|---------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA | |
| Wis.-Whewater | 7 | 0 | 288 | 73 | 15 | 0 | 603 | 177 |
| Wis.-Stevens Point | 5 | 2 | 229 | 139 | 7 | 3 | 331 | 196 |
| Wis.-Stout | 4 | 3 | 173 | 158 | 6 | 4 | 276 | 196 |
| Wis.-Platteville | 3 | 4 | 172 | 200 | 5 | 5 | 244 | 270 |
| Wis.-Oshkosh | 3 | 4 | 178 | 183 | 4 | 6 | 269 | 284 |
| Wis.-La Crosse | 3 | 4 | 155 | 166 | 3 | 7 | 218 | 254 |
| Wis.-Eau Claire | 2 | 5 | 138 | 238 | 4 | 6 | 202 | 309 |
| Wis.-River Falls | 1 | 6 | 131 | 305 | 1 | 9 | 169 | 402 |

INDEPENDENTS

| | CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | | | |
|------------|------------|----|---------|---|-----|-----|----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA |
| Macalester | | | 6 | 3 | 298 | 273 | |
| Huntingdon | | | 6 | 4 | 372 | 326 | |
| Chapman | | | 4 | 5 | 204 | 221 | |
| LaGrange | | | 3 | 7 | 203 | 361 | |

NAIA

| | CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|----|---------|-----|---|----|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA | |
| N.W. Okla. State | 5 | 0 | 256 | 96 | 8 | 3 | 402 | 279 |
| S. Nazarene (Okla.) | 4 | 1 | 200 | 178 | 7 | 4 | 454 | 375 |
| Langston | 3 | 2 | 140 | 90 | 6 | 4 | 256 | 209 |
| Bacone (Okla.) | 2 | 3 | 166 | 129 | 3 | 8 | 270 | 293 |
| Texas College | 1 | 4 | 102 | 243 | 9 | 1 | 132 | 481 |
| SWAssem.of God (Tx.) | 0 | 5 | 85 | 213 | 2 | 8 | 196 | 347 |

CENTRAL STATES

| | CONFERENCE | | OVERALL | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|----|---------|-----|---|----|-----|-----|
| W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA | |
| Dickinson State (N.D.) | 7 | 1 | 213 | 82 | 9 | 2 | 284 | 165 |
| South Dakota Mines | 6 | 2 | 208 | 137 | 7 | 3 | 245 | 190 |
| Minot State (N.D.) | 6 | 2 | 196 | 122 | 6 | 4 | 220 | 184 |
| Black Hills State (N.D.) | 5 | 3 | 174 | 135 | 6 | 4 | 188 | 176 |
| Jamestown (N.D.) | 4 | 4 | 231 | 186 | 5 | 5 | 311 | |

2011 FCS SCHEDULES

compiled by Will Long

ALABAMA A&M

| |
|-----------------------------------|
| Normal, AL |
| S.3 @HAMPTON |
| S.10 @SOUTHERN 34-14 |
| S.17 Tuskegee |
| S.24 @GRAMBLING STATE 22-25 |
| O.1 Arkansas-Pine Bluff 14-21 |
| O.8 Mississippi Valley State 21-7 |
| O.15 Texas Southern 9-32 |
| O.29 @ALABAMA STATE* 10-31 |
| N.5 @ALCORN STATE 24-41 |
| N.J2 Jackson State 14-30 |
| N.19 @PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 14-35 |

*At Birmingham, AL
Coach: Anthony Jones
Nickname: Bulldogs
2010 Record: 3-8

ALABAMA STATE

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|------------------------------------|
| Montgomery, AL |
| S.3 @MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE 34-6 |
| S.10 @EASTERN MICHIGAN |
| S.17 Grambling State 7-22 |
| S.24 @JACKSON STATE 32-30 |
| O.1 Alcorn State 21-41 |
| O.8 @TEXAS SOUTHERN 7-21 |
| O.15 Prairie View A&M 18-15 |
| O.29 @ALABAMA A&M* 31-30 |
| N.5 @ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF 38-31 |
| N.12 Southern 21-19 |
| N.24 Tuskegee 10-17 |

*At Birmingham, AL
Coach: Reggie Barlow
Nickname: Hornets
2010 Record: 7-5

ALBANY

| |
|--------------------------------------|
| Albany, NY |
| S.3 @COLGATE |
| S.17 Maine 3-0 |
| S.24 @COLUMBIA |
| O.1 @ST. FRANCIS (PA) 48-0 |
| O.8 Duquesne 17-28 |
| O.15 Robert Morris 0-38 |
| O.22 @CENTRAL CONNECTICUT 27-30 (OT) |
| O.29 @WAGNER 24-14 |
| N.5 Bryant 7-24 |
| N.12 @MONMOUTH 28-19 |
| N.19 Sacred Heart 35-23 |

Coach: Bob Ford
Nickname: Great Danes
2010 Record: 6-5

ALCORN STATE

| |
|------------------------------------|
| Alcorn State, MS |
| S.3 @GRAMBLING STATE* 28-38 |
| S.10 @ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF 35-39 |
| S.17 Mississippi Valley State 27-9 |
| S.24 @TEXAS SOUTHERN 20-30 |
| O.1 @ALABAMA STATE 41-21 |
| O.22 Concordia |
| O.29 @SOUTHERN 27-20 |
| N.5 Alabama A&M 41-24 |
| N.12 Prairie View A&M 27-35 |
| N.19 @JACKSON STATE 14-27 |

*At Shreveport, LA
Coach: Melvin Spears Jr.
Nickname: Braves
2010 Record: 5-6

APPALACHIAN STATE

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|----------------------------------|
| Boone, NC |
| S.3 @VIRGINIA TECH |
| S.10 North Carolina A&T |
| S.17 Savannah State |
| S.24 Chattanooga 42-41 |
| O.1 @WOFFORD 43-13 |
| O.15 @CITADEL 39-10 |
| O.22 Samford 35-17 |
| O.29 Georgia Southern 14-21 (OT) |
| N.5 @FURMAN 37-26 |
| N.12 Western Carolina 37-14 |
| N.19 @ELON 34-31 |

Coach: Jerry Moore
Nickname: Mountaineers
2010 Record: 10-3

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF

| |
|--------------------------------------|
| Pine Bluff, AR |
| S.3 @LANGSTON* |
| S.10 Alcorn State 39-35 |
| S.17 @PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 6-21 |
| S.24 @CLARK ATLANTA** 35-19 |
| O.1 @ALABAMA A&M 21-14 |
| O.8 @JACKSON STATE 30-52 |
| O.15 Southern 41-23 |
| O.29 Grambling State 25-35 |
| N.5 Alabama State 31-38 |
| N.12 @MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE 49-20 |
| N.19 Texas Southern 13-20 |

*At Little Rock, AR **At St. Louis, MO
Coach: Monte Coleman
Nickname: Golden Lions
2010 Record: 5-6

AUSTIN PEAY STATE

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|--------------------------------------|
| Clarksville, TN |
| S.3 @CINCINNATI |
| S.17 @MEMPHIS |
| S.24 Eastern Kentucky 3-17 |
| O.1 Tennessee State 26-23 |
| O.8 @TENNESSEE-MARTIN 12-28 |
| O.15 Jacksonville State 3-56 |
| O.15 @SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE 24-41 |
| N.5 Central State |
| N.12 @MURRAY STATE 35-61 |
| N.19 @TENNESSEE TECH 21-34 |

Coach: Rick Christopher
Nickname: Governors
2010 Record: 2-9

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

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|------------------------------------|
| Dyatona Beach, FL |
| S.3 @PRAIRIE VIEW A&M* |
| S.10 South Carolina State 14-0 |
| S.24 Hampton 23-18 |
| O.1 @NORTH CAROLINA A&T 67-17 |
| O.8 Fort Valley State 21-7 |
| O.15 @NORFOLK STATE 21-7 |
| O.29 @NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL 23-10 |
| N.5 Morgan State 69-32 |
| N.12 Savannah State 42-7 |
| N.19 @FLORIDA A&M* 27-38 |

*At Orlando, FL
Coach: Brian Jenkins
Nickname: Wildcats
2010 Record: 10-2

BROWN

| |
|-----------------------------|
| Providence, RI |
| S.17 @TONY BROOK 33-30 (OT) |
| S.24 @HARVARD 29-14 |
| O.1 Rhode Island 24-27 (OT) |
| O.8 Holy Cross 13-17 |
| O.15 Princeton 17-13 |
| O.22 @CORNELL 27-14 |
| O.29 Pennsylvania 7-24 |
| N.5 @VALE 24-27 |
| N.12 Dartmouth 35-28 |
| N.19 @COLUMBIA 38-16 |

Coach: Phil Estes
Nickname: Bears
2010 Record: 6-4

BRYANT

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|--------------------------------------|
| Smithfield, RI |
| S.3 @MAINE |
| S.10 American International |
| S.17 @SACRED HEART 25-24 |
| S.24 Wagner 21-29 |
| O.1 @DUQUESNE 29-37 |
| O.8 Stonehill 12-21 |
| O.22 @ROBERT MORRIS 27-21 |
| N.5 @ALBANY 24-7 |
| N.12 St. Francis (PA) 48-10 |
| N.19 Central Connecticut State 24-41 |

Coach: Marty Fine
Nickname: Bulldogs
2010 Record: 7-4

BUCKNELL

| |
|-----------------------|
| Lewisburg, PA |
| S.3 Duquesne 13-17 |
| S.10 Marist 3-14 |
| S.17 @CORNELL 12-21 |
| S.24 @PRINCETON 10-32 |
| O.1 Georgetown 24-21 |
| O.8 Lehigh 10-32 |
| O.15 @HARVARD 9-34 |
| O.22 Holy Cross 22-33 |
| N.12 @FORDHAM 21-33 |
| N.19 @COLGATE 7-31 |

Coach: Joe Susan
Nickname: Bison
2010 Record: 1-10

CAMPBELL

| |
|---------------------------|
| Daytona Beach, FL |
| S.3 @OLD DOMINION |
| S.10 Apprentice 13-44 |
| S.24 Jacksonville 24-31 |
| O.1 @DRAKE 12-14 |
| O.8 Butler 27-10 |
| O.15 @MARIST 14-42 |
| O.22 San Diego 22-29 |
| O.29 @ADVIDSON 27-28 |
| N.5 Morehead State 24-30 |
| N.12 @VALPARAISO 56-14 |
| N.19 @GEORGIA STATE 21-24 |

Coach: Tim Walsh
Nickname: Mustangs
2010 Record: 7-4

CAL POLY

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|-------------------------------|
| San Luis Obispo, CA |
| S.3 @SAN DIEGO STATE 35-33 |
| S.10 Montana |
| S.24 @NORTHERN ILLINOIS |
| O.15 Southern Utah 7-20 |
| O.22 @NORTH DAKOTA 22-21 |
| O.29 South Dakota 38-24 |
| N.5 @UO DAVIS 21-22 |
| N.12 Eastern Washington 13-24 |
| N.19 @SOUTH ALABAMA 13-24 |

Coach: Kevin Higgins
Nickname: Mustangs
2010 Record: 7-4

CITADEL

| |
|------------------------------|
| Charleston, SC |
| S.3 Jacksonville |
| S.10 Furman 14-31 |
| S.24 @ELON 16-27 |
| O.1 @CHATTANOOGA 10-28 |
| O.8 Wofford 10-35 |
| O.15 Appalachian State 10-39 |
| O.22 @WESTERN CAROLINA 13-24 |
| N.5 @GEORGIA SOUTHERN 0-20 |
| N.12 Samford 13-12 |

Coach: Tim Walsh
Nickname: Bulldogs
2010 Record: 3-8

DAYTON

| |
|----------------------------|
| Dayton, OH |
| S.3 @ROBERT MORRIS |
| S.10 Duquesne 31-35 |
| S.17 Marist 41-34 (2OT) |
| S.24 @CENTRAL STATE 45-13 |
| O.1 Butler 33-13 |
| O.8 @JACKSONVILLE |
| O.15 Davidson 37-13 |
| O.22 @MOREHEAD STATE 34-28 |
| O.29 @VALPARAISO 48-14 |
| N.5 San Diego 21-20 |
| N.12 @DRAKE 31-25 |

Coach: Rick Chamberlin
Nickname: Flyers
2010 Record: 10-1

DELAWARE

| |
|----------------------------|
| Newark, DE |
| S.3 @NAVY |
| S.10 West Chester |
| S.17 Delaware State |
| S.24 Old Dominion |
| O.1 @MAINE 26-7 |
| O.8 William & Mary 16-17 |
| O.15 Massachusetts 45-27 |
| O.22 @RHODE ISLAND 24-17 |
| O.29 @TOWSON 48-0 |
| N.12 Richmond 34-13 |
| N.19 @VILLANOVA 21-28 (OT) |

Coach: K.C. Keeler
Nickname: Blue Hens
2010 Record: 12-3

DELAWARE STATE

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|----------------------------------|
| Dover, DE |
| S.3 @VIRGINIA MILITARY |
| S.10 Shaw |
| S.17 @DELaware |
| S.24 @SOUTH CAROLINA STATE 21-38 |
| O.1 @FLORIDA A&M 14-17 |
| O.8 @GEORGETOWN 21-31 |
| O.15 @NORTH CAROLINA A&T 31-26 |
| O.29 Morgan State 24-34 |
| N.5 North Carolina Central 29-7 |
| N.12 Howard 14-20 |
| N.19 @CORNELL 20-17 |

Coach: Kermit Blount
Nickname: Hornets
2010 Record: 3-8

DRAKE

| |
|---------------------------|
| Des Moines, IA |
| S.1 @NORTH DAKOTA |
| S.10 Grand View |
| S.17 Missouri S&T |
| S.24 @BUTLER 10-7 |
| O.1 Campbell 14-12 |
| O.8 @MOREHEAD STATE 28-17 |
| O.15 @SAN DIEGO 38-17 |
| O.22 Valparaiso 21-19 |
| O.29 @MARIST 42-0 |
| N.5 Jacksonville 34-39 |
| N.12 Dayton 25-31 |

Coach: Chris Creighton
Nickname: Bulldogs
2010 Record: 7-4

DUQUESNE

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| Pittsburgh, PA |
| S.3 @BUCKNELL 17-13 |
| S.10 @DAYTON 35-31 |
| S.17 Valparaiso |
| S.24 @ST. FRANCIS (PA) 41-17 |
| O.1 Bryant 37-29 |
| O.8 @ALBANY 28-17 |
| O.15 Central Connecticut State 29-31 |
| O.22 Wagner 21-20 |
| O.29 @MONROE 17-44 |
| N.12 @SACRED HEART 37-17 |
| N.19 Robert Morris 11-34 |

Coach: Jerry Schmitt
Nickname: Dukes
2010 Record: 7-4

EASTERN ILLINOIS

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|-------------------------------------|
| Charleston, IL |
| S.1 Illinois State 23-27 |
| S.10 @NORTHWESTERN 20-34 |
| S.17 Tennessee Tech 20-28 |
| S.24 @JACKSONVILLE STATE 23-28 |
| O.1 @SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE 13-28 |

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|--|--------------------------|------------|---|--|---------------------------|------------|--|
| 0.8 | Eastern Kentucky | 7-35 | Coach: Bruce Fowler Nickname: Paladins 2010 Record: 5-6 | 0.1 | @LAFAYETTE | 35-10 | *At Memphis, TN |
| 0.15 | @MURRAY STATE | 28-38 | | 0.8 | @CORNELL | 31-17 | Coach: Rick Comley Nickname: Tigers 2010 Record: 8-3 |
| 0.22 | Tennessee-Martin | 10-20 | | 0.15 | Bucknell | 45-28 | |
| 0.29 | @AUSTIN PEAY STATE | 28-10 | | 0.22 | Princeton | 30-14 | |
| N.5 | Tennessee State | 31-28 (OT) | | 0.29 | Dartmouth | 23-7 | |
| N.12 | @SOUTHERN ILLINOIS | | | N.5 | @COLUMBIA | 23-7 | |
| Coach: Bob Spoo | | | | N.12 | Pennsylvania | 14-34 | |
| Nickname: Panthers | | | | N.19 | @VALE | 28-21 | |
| 2010 Record: 2-9 | | | | Coach: Tim Murphy Nickname: Crimson 2010 Record: 7-3 | | | |
| EASTERN KENTUCKY | | | | | | | |
| Richmond, KY | | | | JACKSONVILLE | | | |
| S.3 | @KANSAS STATE | | | Jacksonville, FL | | | |
| S.10 | Missouri State | 9-31 | | S.3 | @THE CITADEL | | LIBERTY |
| S.17 | Chattanooga | 24-42 | | S.10 | @WESTERN ILLINOIS | | Lynchburg, VA |
| S.24 | @AUSTIN PEAY STATE | 17-3 | | S.17 | Charleston Southern | | @NORTH CAROLINA STATE |
| 0.8 | @EASTERN ILLINOIS | 35-7 | | S.24 | @CAMPBELL | 31-24 | S.10 Robert Morris |
| 0.15 | Southeast Missouri State | 21-40 | | 0.1 | @MARIST | 56-14 | S.17 James Madison |
| 0.22 | Tennessee State | | | 0.8 | Dayton | | S.24 Lehigh |
| 0.29 | @MURRAY STATE | 28-21 | | 0.15 | Morehead State | 61-17 | 0.1 Kentucky Wesleyan |
| N.5 | @JACKSONVILLE STATE | 49-37 | | 0.22 | Davidson | 42-15 | 0.8 @GARDNER-WEBB |
| N.12 | Tennessee Tech | 42-29 | | 0.17 | @DRAKE | 39-34 | 0.15 Coastal Carolina |
| N.19 | Tennessee-Martin | 7-10 | | N.12 | Butler | 23-16 | 0.22 @CHARLESTON SOUTHERN |
| Coach: Dean Hood | | | | N.19 | @SAN DIEGO | 35-28 | 0.29 Presbyterian |
| Nickname: Colonels | | | | Coach: Kerwin Bell | | | N.5 Virginia Military |
| 2010 Record: 6-5 | | | | Nickname: Dolphins | | | N.19 @TONY BROOK |
| EASTERN WASHINGTON | | | | 2010 Record: 10-1 | | | |
| Cheney, WA | | | | JACKSONVILLE STATE | | | |
| S.3 | @WASHINGTON | | | Jacksonville, AL | | | |
| S.10 | @SOUTH DAKOTA | | | S.1 | Tennessee-Martin | 30-20 | LIBERTY |
| S.17 | @MONTANA | 36-27 | | S.10 | @CHATTANOOGA | 21-17 | Lynchburg, VA |
| S.24 | Montana State | 7-30 | | S.17 | Georgia State | 34-27 | @NORTH CAROLINA STATE |
| 0.1 | Weber State | 35-24 | | S.24 | Eastern Illinois | 28-23 | S.10 Robert Morris |
| 0.8 | @NORTHERN ARIZONA | 21-14 | | 0.1 | @MURRAY STATE | 40-34 | S.17 James Madison |
| 0.15 | Northern Colorado | 35-28 | | 0.22 | @KENTUCKY | 56-3 | S.24 Lehigh |
| 0.22 | @SACRAMENTO STATE | 28-24 | | 0.29 | Tennessee Tech | 24-35 | 0.1 Kentucky Wesleyan |
| 0.29 | Portland State | 50-17 | | N.5 | Eastern Kentucky | 37-49 | 0.8 @GARDNER-WEBB |
| N.12 | @CAL POLY | | | N.12 | @SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE | 29-27 | 0.15 Coastal Carolina |
| N.19 | @IAHDO STATE | 34-7 | | N.19 | @TENNESSEE STATE | 24-0 | 0.22 @CHARLESTON SOUTHERN |
| Coach: Beau Baldwin | | | | Coach: Jack Crowe | | | 0.29 Presbyterian |
| Nickname: Eagles | | | | Nickname: Gamecocks | | | N.5 Virginia Military |
| 2010 Record: 13-2 | | | | 2010 Record: 9-3 | | | N.19 @TONY BROOK |
| ELON | | | | | | | |
| Elon College, NC | | | | JAMES MADISON | | | |
| S.3 | @VANDERBILT | | | Harrisburg, VA | | | |
| S.10 | Concord | | | S.3 | @NORTH CAROLINA | | MARIST |
| S.17 | @NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL | | | S.10 | Central Connecticut State | | Poughkeepsie, NY |
| S.24 | Citadel | 27-16 | | S.17 | @LIBERTY | 10-3 | |
| 0.1 | Georgia Southern | 21-38 | | S.24 | @WILLIAM & MARY | 30-24 | |
| 0.8 | @WESTERN CAROLINA | 45-14 | | 0.1 | Richmond | 10-13 (OT) | |
| 0.15 | @SAMFORD | 24-19 | | 0.8 | Maine Tech | 14-10 | |
| 0.22 | Chattanooga | 49-35 | | 0.15 | Villanova | 7-14 | |
| 0.29 | @WOFFORD | 21-28 | | 0.29 | @OLD DOMINION | | |
| N.12 | @FURMAN | 30-25 | | N.5 | @NEW HAMPSHIRE | 14-28 | |
| N.19 | Appalachian State | 31-34 | | N.12 | Rhode Island | | |
| Coach: Jason Sweson | | | | N.19 | @MASSACHUSETTS | 14-21 | |
| Nickname: Phoenix | | | | Coach: Mickey Matthews | | | |
| 2010 Record: 6-5 | | | | Nickname: Dukes | | | |
| FLORIDA A&M | | | | 2010 Record: 6-5 | | | |
| Tallahassee, FL | | | | JAFAYETTE | | | |
| S.3 | Fort Valley State | | | Easton, PA | | | |
| S.10 | @HAMPTON | 17-12 | | S.3 | @NORTH DAKOTA STATE | | MAINE |
| S.17 | @SOUTH FLORIDA | | | S.10 | @GEORGETOWN | 24-28 | Orono, ME |
| S.24 | @TENNESSEE STATE* | 18-29 | | S.17 | @PENNNSYLVANIA | 14-19 | |
| 0.1 | Delaware State | 17-14 | | S.24 | @STONY BROOK | 28-21 | |
| 0.8 | Howard | 50-7 | | 0.1 | Harvard | 10-35 | |
| 0.15 | @SAVANNAH STATE | 31-0 | | 0.22 | Fordham | 10-14 | |
| 0.22 | @SOUTH CAROLINA STATE | 0-19 | | 0.29 | Bucknell | 33-22 | |
| N.5 | North Carolina A&T | 22-19 | | N.5 | Colgate | 14-24 | |
| N.12 | @NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL | | | N.12 | @HOLY CROSS | 27-37 | |
| N.19 | @BETHUNE-COOKMAN** | 38-27 | | N.19 | @LEHIGH | 13-20 | |
| *At Atlanta, GA **At Orlando, FL | | | | Coach: Frank Tavani | | | |
| Coach: Joe Taylor | | | | Nickname: Leopards | | | |
| Nickname: Rattlers | | | | 2010 Record: 2-9 | | | |
| 2010 Record: 8-3 | | | | JAFAYETTE | | | |
| GRAMBLING STATE | | | | Easton, PA | | | |
| Grambling, LA | | | | S.3 | @NORTH DAKOTA STATE | | MAINE |
| S.3 | @ALCORN STATE* | 38-28 | | S.10 | @GEORGETOWN | 24-28 | Amherst, MA |
| S.10 | @LOUISIANA-MONROE | | | S.17 | @PENNNSYLVANIA | 14-19 | |
| S.17 | @ALABAMA STATE | 22-7 | | S.24 | @STONY BROOK | 28-21 | |
| S.24 | Alabama A&M | 25-22 | | 0.1 | Harvard | 10-35 | |
| 0.1 | @PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** | 34-17 | | 0.22 | Fordham | 10-14 | |
| 0.15 | Concordia | 35-0 | | 0.29 | Bucknell | 33-22 | |
| 0.22 | Mississippi Valley State | 35-14 | | N.5 | Colgate | 14-24 | |
| 0.29 | @ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF | 35-25 | | N.12 | @HOLY CROSS | 27-37 | |
| N.5 | @JACKSONSTATE | 28-21 | | N.19 | @LEHIGH | 13-20 | |
| N.12 | Texas Southern | 34-41 (OT) | | Coach: Frank Tavani | | | |
| N.19 | @SOUTHERN*** | 38-17 | | Nickname: Leopards | | | |
| *At Shreveport, LA **At Dallas, TX *** | | | | 2010 Record: 2-9 | | | |
| GRAMBLING STATE | | | | | | | |
| Grambling, LA | | | | JAFAYETTE | | | |
| S.3 | @ALCORN STATE* | | | Easton, PA | | | |
| S.10 | @LOUISIANA-MONROE | | | S.3 | @NORTH DAKOTA STATE | | MAINE |
| S.17 | @ALABAMA STATE | 22-7 | | S.10 | @GEORGETOWN | 24-28 | Amherst, MA |
| S.24 | Alabama A&M | 25-22 | | S.17 | @PENNNSYLVANIA | 14-19 | |
| 0.1 | @PRAIRIE VIEW A&M** | 34-17 | | S.24 | @STONY BROOK | 28-21 | |
| 0.15 | Concordia | 35-0 | | 0.1 | Harvard | 10-35 | |
| 0.22 | Mississippi Valley State | 35-14 | | 0.22 | Fordham | 10-14 | |
| 0.29 | @ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF | 35-25 | | 0.29 | Bucknell | 33-22 | |
| N.5 | @JACKSONSTATE | 28-21 | | N.5 | Colgate | 14-24 | |
| N.12 | Texas Southern | 34-41 (OT) | | N.12 | @HOLY CROSS | 27-37 | |
| N.19 | @SOUTHERN*** | 38-17 | | N.19 | @LEHIGH | 13-20 | |
| *At Shreveport, LA **At Dallas, TX *** | | | | Coach: Frank Tavani | | | |
| HAMPTON | | | | Nickname: Leopards | | | |
| Hampton, VA | | | | 2010 Record: 2-9 | | | |
| S.3 | Alabama A&M | | | JAFAYETTE | | | |
| S.10 | Florida A&M | 12-17 | | Easton, PA | | | |
| S.17 | @OLD DOMINION | 14-28 | | S.3 | @NORTH DAKOTA STATE | | MAINE |
| S.24 | Bethune-Cookman | 18-23 | | S.10 | @GEORGETOWN | 24-28 | Amherst, MA |
| 0.8 | Princeton | | | S.17 | @PENNNSYLVANIA | 14-19 | |
| 0.15 | @NORFOLK STATE | 7-6 | | S.24 | @STONY BROOK | 28-21 | |
| 0.22 | North Carolina Central | 20-14 | | 0.1 | Harvard | 10-35 | |
| 0.29 | @SAVANNAH STATE | 21-16 | | 0.22 | Fordham | 10-14 | |
| N.5 | Howard | 31-21 | | 0.29 | Bucknell | 33-22 | |
| N.12 | Morgan State | 20-14 | | N.5 | Colgate | 14-24 | |
| N.19 | @BETHUNE-COOKMAN | 18-23 | | N.12 | @HOLY CROSS | 27-37 | |
| Coach: Tom Mella | | | | N.19 | @LEHIGH | 13-20 | |
| Nickname: Rams | | | | Coach: Frank Tavani | | | |
| 2010 Record: 5-6 | | | | Nickname: Leopards | | | |
| FURMAN | | | | 2010 Record: 2-9 | | | |
| Greenville, SC | | | | JAFAYETTE | | | |
| S.3 | @COASTAL CAROLINA | | | Easton, PA | | | |
| S.10 | @CITADEL | 31-14 | | S.3 | @NORTH DAKOTA STATE | | MAINE |
| S.24 | Presbyterian | | | S.10 | @GEORGETOWN | 24-28 | Amherst, MA |
| 0.1 | @WESTERN CAROLINA | 31-17 | | S.17 | @PENNNSYLVANIA | 14-19 | |
| 0.8 | Samford | 27-10 | | S.24 | @STONY BROOK | 28-21 | |
| 0.15 | @GEORGIA SOUTHERN | 28-32 | | 0.1 | Harvard | 10-35 | |
| 0.22 | Wofford | 17-38 | | 0.22 | Fordham | 10-14 | |
| 0.29 | @CHATTANOOGA | 28-36 | | 0.29 | Bucknell | 33-22 | |
| N.5 | Appalachian State | 26-37 | | N.5 | Colgate | 14-24 | |
| N.12 | Eton | 25-30 | | N.12 | @HOLY CROSS | 27-37 | |
| N.19 | @FLORIDA | | | N.19 | @LEHIGH | 13-20 | |
| Coach: Tom Mella | | | | Coach: Frank Tavani | | | |
| Nickname: Rams | | | | Nickname: Leopards | | | |
| 2010 Record: 5-6 | | | | 2010 Record: 2-9 | | | |
| FURMAN | | | | | | | |
| Greenville, SC | | | | JAFAYETTE | | | |
| S.3 | @COASTAL CAROLINA | | | Easton, PA | | | |
| S.10 | @CITADEL | 31-14 | | S.3 | @NORTH DAKOTA STATE | | MAINE |
| S.24 | Presbyterian | | | S.10 | @GEORGETOWN | 24-28 | Amherst, MA |
| 0.1 | @WESTERN CAROLINA | 31-17 | | S.17 | @PENNNSYLVANIA | 14-19 | |
| 0.8 | Samford | 27-10 | | S.24 | @STONY BROOK | 28-21 | |
| 0.15 | @GEORGIA SOUTHERN | 28-32 | | 0.1 | Harvard | 10-35 | |
| 0.22 | Wofford | 17-38 | | 0.22 | Fordham | 10-14 | |
| 0.29 | @CHATTANOOGA | 28-36 | | 0.29 | Bucknell | 33-22 | |
| N.5 | Appalachian State | 26-37 | | N.5 | Colgate | 14-24 | |
| N.12 | Eton | 25-30 | | N.12 | @HOLY CROSS | 27-37 | |
| N.19 | @FLORIDA | | | N.19 | @LEHIGH | 13-20 | |
| Coach: Tom Mella | | | | Coach: Frank Tavani | | | |
| Nickname: Rams | | | | Nickname: Leopards | | | |
| 2010 Record: 5-6 | | | | 2010 Record: 2-9 | | | |
| GARDNER-WEBB | | | | | | | |
| Bolling Springs, NC | | | | JAFAYETTE | | | |
| S.10 | @OHIO | | | Easton, PA | | | |
| S.17 | Liberty | 14-40 | | S.3 | @NORTH DAKOTA STATE | | MAINE |
| 0.15 | @PRESBYTERIAN | 24-26 | | S.10 | @GEORGETOWN | 24-28 | Amherst, MA |
| 0.22 | @COASTAL CAROLINA | 27-30 (OT) | | S.17 | @PENNNSYLVANIA | 14-19 | |
| N.5 | Charleston Southern | 35-25 | | S.24 | @STONY BROOK | 28-21 | |
| N.12 | Stony Brook | 3-55 | | 0.1 | Harvard | 10-35 | |
| N.19 | @VIRGINIA MILITARY | 10-7 | | 0.22 | Fordham | 10-14 | |
| Coach: Ron Dickerson Jr. | | | | 0.29 | Bucknell | 33-22 | |
| Nickname: Runnin' Bulldogs | | | | N.5 | Colgate | 14-24 | |
| 2010 Record: 4-7 | | | | N.12 | @HOLY CROSS | 27-37 | |
| GEORGETOWN | | | | N.19 | @LEHIGH | 13-20 | |
| Washington, DC | | | | Coach: Frank Tavani | | | |
| S.3 | Davidson | 20-10 | | Nickname: Leopards | | | |
| S.10 | Lafayette | 28-24 | | 2010 Record: 2-9 | | | |
| S.17 | Yale | 35-40 | | JAFAYETTE | | | |
| S.24 | Marist | 14-7 | | Easton, PA | | | |
| N.5 | @BUCKNELL | 34-9 | | S.3 | @NORTH DAKOTA STATE | | MAINE |
| N.12 | Georgetown | 7-17 | | S.10 | @GEORGETOWN | 24-28 | Amherst, MA |
| N.19 | Lehigh | 7-24 | | S.17 | @PENNNSYLVANIA | 14-19 | |
| Coach: Kevin Kelly | | | | S.24 | @STONY BROOK | 28-21 | |
| Nickname: Hoyas | | | | 0.1 | Harvard | 10-35 | |
| 2010 Record: 6-5 | | | | 0.22 | Fordham | 10-14 | |
| GEORGIA SOUTHERN | | | | 0.29 | Bucknell | 33-22 | |
| Statesboro, GA | | | | N.5 | Colgate | 14-24 | |
| S.3 | @SAMFORD | 13-20 | | N.12 | @HOLY CROSS | 27-37 | |
| S.10 | Tusculum | 20-14 | | N.19 | @LEHIGH | 13-20 | |
| S.17 | Old Dominion | 20-34 | | Coach: Frank Tavani | | | |
| S.24 | @JACKSONVILLE STATE | 27-34 (OT) | | Nickname: Leopards | | | |
| N.5 | Clark-Atlanta | | | 2010 Record: 2-9 | | | |
| N.12 | Old Dominion | | | JAFAYETTE | | | |
| N.19 | @JACKSONVILLE STATE | | | Easton, PA | | | |
| Coach: Brock Spack | | | | S.3 | @NORTH | | |

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| O.15 @NORTH DAKOTA STATE | 3-0 | N.J9 @SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE | 17-30 | NORTH DAKOTA STATE | | O.22 Yale | 27-20 | Coach: Lattrell Scott |
| O.22 @WESTERN ILLINOIS | 31-28 | Coach: Chris Hatcher | | Fargo, ND | | O.29 @BROWN | 24-7 | Nickname: Spiders |
| O.29 South Dakota State | 10-31 | Nickname: Racers | | S.3 Lafayette | | N.5 Princeton | 52-10 | 2010 Record: 6-5 |
| N.J2 Indiana State | 35-38 (OT) | 2010 Record: 6-5 | | S.10 St. Francis (PA) | | N.12 @HARVARD | 34-14 | |
| N.J9 @YOUNGSTOWN STATE | 35-25 | | | S.24 @MINNESOTA | | N.19 Cornell | 31-7 | ROBERT MORRIS |
| Coach: Terry Allen | | | | O.1 Illinois State | 24-34 | Coach: Al Bagnozzi | | Moon Township, PA |
| Nickname: Bears | | | | O.8 @SOUTHERN ILLINOIS | 20-6 | Nickname: Quakers | | S.3 Dayton |
| 2010 Record: 5-6 | | | | O.15 Missouri State | 0-3 | 2010 Record: 9-1 | | S.10 @LIBERTY |
| MONMOUTH | | | | O.22 @SOUTH DAKOTA STATE | 31-24 | | | S.17 @MORGAN STATE |
| West Long Branch, NJ | | | | O.29 Northern Iowa | 9-16 | | | O.1 @MONMOUTH |
| S.3 Lehigh | | | | N.5 @INDIANA STATE | 27-15 | | | O.8 St. Francis (PA) |
| S.17 @VILLANOVA | | | | N.12 Youngstown State | 34-29 | | | O.15 @ALBANY |
| S.24 @CENTRAL CONNECTICUT | 48-49 (20T) | | | N.19 @WESTERN ILLINOIS | 16-28 | | | O.22 Bryant |
| O.1 Robert Morris | 16-17 | | | O.1 @IDAHO STATE | | | | O.29 Sacred Heart |
| O.8 Colgate | 29-30 | | | O.8 @MONTANA STATE | | | | N.5 @CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE |
| O.15 @BRYANT | 21-12 | | | O.15 @MONTANA | | | | O.17 Dayton |
| O.22 @SACRED HEART | 25-26 | | | O.22 Willamette | | | | O.8 @LIBERTY |
| O.29 Duquesne | 44-17 | | | O.29 @EASTERN WASHINGTON | | | | O.15 @MORGAN STATE |
| N.5 @ST. FRANCIS (PA) | 19-17 | | | N.5 Sacramento State | | | | O.17 @MONMOUTH |
| N.12 Albany | 19-28 | | | N.12 @NORTHERN COLORADO | | | | O.8 St. Francis (PA) |
| N.19 Wagner | 20-31 | | | N.19 Weber State | | | | O.15 @ALBANY |
| Coach: Kevin Callahan | | | | Coach: Nigel Burton | | | | O.17 @ALBANY |
| Nickname: Hawks | | | | Nickname: Vikings | | | | O.17 @MONTANA STATE |
| 2010 Record: 3-8 | | | | 2010 Record: 2-9 | | | | O.17 @NORTHERN COLORADO |
| MONTANA | | | | PRairie View A&M | | | | O.17 @NORTHERN COLORADO |
| Missoula, MT | | | | Prairie View, TX | | | | O.17 @WEBER STATE |
| S.3 @TENNESSEE | | | | S.4 @BETHUNE-COOKMAN* | | | | S.3 @OREGON STATE |
| S.10 Cal Poly | 33-35 | | | S.10 @TEXAS SOUTHERN | | | | S.11 @SOUTHERN UTAH |
| S.17 Eastern Washington | 27-36 | | | S.17 @ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF | | | | S.17 @WEBER STATE |
| S.24 @SACRAMENTO STATE | 28-25 | | | S.24 @MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE | | | | S.24 Montana |
| O.1 Northern Colorado | 30-7 | | | O.1 @GRAMBLING STATE** | | | | O.1 @MONTANA STATE |
| O.8 @IDAHO STATE | 47-28 | | | O.8 @SOUTHERN | | | | O.8 @MONTANA STATE |
| O.15 Portland State | 23-21 | | | O.15 @ALABAMA STATE | | | | O.17 @NORTHERN COLORADO |
| O.22 @NORTHERN ARIZONA | 24-21 | | | O.29 @JACKSON STATE*** | | | | O.22 Eastern Washington |
| O.29 Weber State | 21-30 | | | N.5 @TEXAS STATE | | | | O.29 Northern Arizona |
| N.5 Western Oregon | | | | N.12 @ALCORN STATE | | | | N.5 @PORTLAND STATE |
| N.19 @MONTANA STATE | 16-21 | | | N.19 Alabama A&M | | | | N.12 Idaho State |
| Coach: Rob Pflugrad | | | | *Orlando, FL **@Dallas, TX, ***@Shreveport, LA | | | | N.19 UC Davis |
| Nickname: Grizzlies | | | | Coach: Heishma Northern | | | | Coach: Marshall Sperbeck |
| 2010 Record: 7-4 | | | | Nickname: Panthers | | | | Nickname: Hornets |
| MONTANA STATE | | | | 2010 Record: 7-4 | | | | 2010 Record: 6-5 |
| Borozman, MT | | | | PRESBYTERIAN | | | | SACRED HEART |
| S.1 @UTAH | | | | Clinton, SC | | | | Fairfield, CT |
| S.10 UL Davis | | | | S.3 Wofford | | | | S.3 Marist |
| S.17 Minot State | | | | S.10 North Greenville | | | | S.17 Bryant |
| S.24 @EASTERN WASHINGTON | 30-7 | | | S.17 @CALIFORNIA* | | | | S.24 Dartmouth |
| O.1 Sacramento State | 64-61 (OT) | | | S.24 @FURMAN | | | | O.1 @CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE |
| O.8 @PORTLAND STATE | 44-31 | | | O.8 @STONY BROOK | | | | O.8 @COLUMBIA |
| O.15 Northern Arizona | 7-34 | | | O.15 Gardner-Webb | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.22 @NORTHERN COLORADO | 37-35 | | | O.22 @GEORGIA SOUTHERN | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.29 Idaho State | 23-20 (OT) | | | O.29 @LIBERTY | | | | O.29 @ROBERT MORRIS |
| N.5 @WEBER STATE | 24-10 | | | N.5 @COASTAL CAROLINA | | | | N.5 @WAGNER |
| N.19 Montana | 21-16 | | | N.12 Virginia Military | | | | N.12 Duquesne |
| Coach: Rob Ash | | | | N.19 Charleston Southern | | | | N.19 @ALBANY |
| Nickname: Bobcats | | | | *At San Francisco, CA | | | | Coach: Paul Gorham |
| 2010 Record: 9-3 | | | | Coach: Harold Nichols | | | | Nickname: Pioneers |
| MOREHEAD STATE | | | | Nickname: Blue Hose | | | | 2010 Record: 4-7 |
| Morehead, KY | | | | 2010 Record: 2-9 | | | | SACRED HEART |
| S.1 Kentucky Christian | | | | SACRED HEART | | | | Fairfield, CT |
| S.10 @ILLINOIS STATE | | | | S.3 Marist | | | | S.3 Marist |
| S.17 @ST. FRANCIS (PA) | 31-21 | | | S.17 Bryant | | | | S.17 Bryant |
| S.24 San Diego | 0-34 | | | S.24 Dartmouth | | | | S.24 Dartmouth |
| O.1 @VALPARAISO | 37-15 | | | O.1 @COLUMBIA | | | | O.1 @CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE |
| O.8 Drake | | | | O.8 @HAMPTON | | | | O.8 @COLUMBIA |
| O.15 @JACKSONVILLE | 17-61 | | | O.15 @BROWN | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.22 Dayton | 28-34 | | | O.22 @HARVARD | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| N.5 @CAMPBELL | 30-24 (20T) | | | O.29 Cornell | | | | O.29 @ROBERT MORRIS |
| N.12 @DAVIDSON | 10-17 | | | O.15 @PENNNSYLVANIA | | | | N.5 @WAGNER |
| N.19 Butler | 21-20 | | | O.12 Yale | | | | N.12 Duquesne |
| Coach: Matt Ballard | | | | N.19 @DARTMOUTH | | | | N.19 @ALBANY |
| Nickname: Eagles | | | | Coach: Bob Surace | | | | Coach: Paul Gorham |
| 2010 Record: 5-6 | | | | Nickname: Tigers | | | | Nickname: Pioneers |
| MORGAN STATE | | | | 2010 Record: 1-9 | | | | 2010 Record: 6-5 |
| Baltimore, MD | | | | SAM HOUSTON STATE | | | | SACRED HEART |
| S.3 @TOWSON | | | | Huntsville, TX | | | | Fairfield, CT |
| S.10 @BOWLING GREEN | | | | S.1 Western Illinois | | | | S.3 Marist |
| S.17 Robert Morris | | | | S.17 Central Arkansas | | | | S.17 Bryant |
| S.24 @HOWARD* | 20-3 | | | S.24 @NEW MEXICO | | | | S.24 Dartmouth |
| O.1 North Carolina A&T | 27-14 | | | O.1 Texas-San Antonio | | | | O.1 @CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE |
| O.8 Savannah State | | | | O.8 @STEPHEN F. AUSTIN* | | | | O.8 @COLUMBIA |
| O.15 @NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL | | | | O.15 @NICHOLLS STATE | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.29 @DELAWARE STATE | 34-24 | | | O.15 @PENNNSYLVANIA | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| N.5 @BETHUNE-COOKMAN | 32-69 | | | O.15 @DARTMOUTH | | | | O.29 @ROBERT MORRIS |
| N.12 Norfolk State | 25-37 | | | O.15 @AUBURN | | | | N.5 @WAGNER |
| N.19 Hampton | 16-21 | | | O.15 @CITADEL | | | | N.12 Duquesne |
| *At East Rutherford, NJ | | | | O.15 @AUBURN | | | | N.19 @ALBANY |
| Coach: Donald Hill-Eley | | | | O.15 @CITADEL | | | | Coach: Pat Sullivan |
| Nickname: Bears | | | | O.15 @AUBURN | | | | Nickname: Bulldogs |
| 2010 Record: 4-7 | | | | O.15 @CITADEL | | | | 2010 Record: 4-7 |
| MURRAY STATE | | | | SAMFORD | | | | SACRED HEART |
| Murray, KY | | | | Birmingham, AL | | | | Fairfield, CT |
| S.1 @LOUISVILLE | | | | S.3 Georgia Southern | | | | S.3 Marist |
| S.10 @MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE | | | | S.10 Stillman | | | | S.17 Bryant |
| S.17 Tennessee State | 28-23 | | | S.24 @WOFFORD | | | | S.24 Dartmouth |
| S.24 @TENNESSEE-MARTIN | 52-16 | | | O.1 Gardner-Webb | | | | O.1 @CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE |
| O.1 Jacksonville State | 34-40 | | | O.8 @FURMAN | | | | O.8 @COLUMBIA |
| O.8 @GEORGIA STATE | | | | O.15 @APPALACHIAN STATE | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.15 Eastern Illinois | 38-28 | | | O.15 @WESTERN CAROLINA | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.29 Eastern Kentucky | 21-28 | | | O.15 @CHATTANOOGA | | | | O.29 @ROBERT MORRIS |
| N.5 @TENNESSEE TECH | 44-13 | | | O.15 @CITADEL | | | | N.5 @WAGNER |
| N.12 Austin Peay State | 61-35 | | | O.15 @CITADEL | | | | N.12 Duquesne |
| 2010 Record: 3-8 | | | | O.15 @CITADEL | | | | N.19 @ALBANY |
| NORTH DAKOTA | | | | RHODE ISLAND | | | | Coach: Pat Sullivan |
| Grand Forks, ND | | | | Kingston, RI | | | | Nickname: Bulldogs |
| S.1 Drake | | | | S.10 @SYRACUSE | | | | 2010 Record: 4-7 |
| S.10 @IDAHO | 0-45 | | | S.17 @MASSACHUSETTS | | | | SACRED HEART |
| S.17 @FRESNO STATE | | | | S.24 Fordham | | | | Fairfield, CT |
| S.24 Black Hills State | | | | O.1 @BROWN | | | | S.3 Marist |
| O.1 @SOUTHERN UTAH | 21-31 | | | O.22 @HARVARD | | | | S.17 Bryant |
| O.8 Montana Western | 21-22 | | | O.29 Cornell | | | | S.24 Dartmouth |
| N.19 Stephen F. Austin | 13-36 | | | O.15 @PENNNSYLVANIA | | | | O.1 @CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | | | O.12 Yale | | | | O.8 @COLUMBIA |
| O.22 @WILLIAMS | | | | N.19 @DARTMOUTH | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.29 James Madison | | | | Coach: Joe Trainer | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| N.5 Richmond | | | | Nickname: Rams | | | | O.29 @ROBERT MORRIS |
| N.12 @WILLIAMS | 17-21 | | | 2010 Record: 5-6 | | | | N.5 @WAGNER |
| O.1 @JAMES MADISON | | | | PENNSYLVANIA | | | | SACRED HEART |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | | | Philadelphia, PA | | | | Fairfield, CT |
| O.22 @WILLIAMS | | | | S.17 Lafayette | 19-14 | | | S.3 Marist |
| O.29 James Madison | | | | S.24 Villanova | 10-22 | | | S.17 @CITADEL |
| N.5 Richmond | | | | O.1 @JAMES MADISON | 13-10 (OT) | | | S.24 @COLUMBIA |
| N.12 @WILLIAMS | 17-27 | | | O.8 @TOWSON | 28-6 | | | O.1 @CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE |
| O.1 @JAMES MADISON | | | | O.22 Maine | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | | | N.5 @OLD DOMINION | 11-10 | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.22 @WILLIAMS | | | | O.12 @DELaware | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.29 James Madison | | | | O.15 @CITADEL | 13-34 | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| N.5 Richmond | | | | O.19 William & Mary | 3-41 | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| N.12 @WILLIAMS | 17-27 | | | | | | | SACRED HEART |
| O.1 @JAMES MADISON | | | | | | | | Fairfield, CT |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | | | | | | | S.3 Marist |
| O.22 @WILLIAMS | | | | | | | | S.17 Bryant |
| O.29 James Madison | | | | | | | | S.24 Dartmouth |
| N.5 Richmond | | | | | | | | O.1 @CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE |
| N.12 @WILLIAMS | 17-27 | | | | | | | O.8 @COLUMBIA |
| O.1 @JAMES MADISON | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.22 @WILLIAMS | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.29 James Madison | | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| N.5 Richmond | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| N.12 @WILLIAMS | 17-27 | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.1 @JAMES MADISON | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.22 @WILLIAMS | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.29 James Madison | | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| N.5 Richmond | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| N.12 @WILLIAMS | 17-27 | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.1 @JAMES MADISON | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
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| N.5 Richmond | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| N.12 @WILLIAMS | 17-27 | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.1 @JAMES MADISON | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
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| N.12 @WILLIAMS | 17-27 | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.1 @JAMES MADISON | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
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| N.12 @WILLIAMS | 17-27 | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.1 @JAMES MADISON | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.22 @WILLIAMS | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.29 James Madison | | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| N.5 Richmond | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| N.12 @WILLIAMS | 17-27 | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.1 @JAMES MADISON | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.22 @WILLIAMS | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
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| N.5 Richmond | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| N.12 @WILLIAMS | 17-27 | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.1 @JAMES MADISON | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| O.22 @WILLIAMS | | | | | | | | O.15 St. Francis (PA) |
| O.29 James Madison | | | | | | | | O.22 Monmouth |
| N.5 Richmond | | | | | | | | |

2011-12

BOWL SCHEDULE



All times Eastern

New Orleans Bowl

Mid-December (New Orleans)
Sun Belt vs. C-USA
ESPN

Humanitarian Bowl

Dec. 17 (Boise, Idaho)
WAC vs. MAC
TBD on ESPN

New Mexico Bowl

Dec. 17 (Albuquerque, N.M.)
MWC vs. WAC
ESPN

Beef 'O'Brady's Bowl

Dec. 20 (St. Petersburg, Fla.)
Big East vs. C-USA
8 p.m. on ESPN

Poinsettia Bowl

Dec. 21 (San Diego)
MWC vs. WAC
8 p.m. on ESPN

MAACO Bowl Las Vegas

Dec. 22 (Las Vegas)
Pac-12 vs. MWC
8 p.m. on ESPN

Hawaii Bowl

Dec. 24 (Honolulu)
C-USA vs. WAC
8 p.m. on ESPN

Independence Bowl

Dec. 26 (Shreveport, La.)
ACC vs. MWC
4 p.m. on ESPN

Little Caesars Pizza Bowl

Dec. 26 (Detroit)
MAC vs. Big Ten
TBD on ESPN

Belk Bowl

Dec. 27 (Charlotte, N.C.)
ACC vs. Big East
8 p.m. on ESPN

Holiday Bowl

Dec. 28 (San Diego)
Pac-12 vs. Big 12
9 p.m. on ESPN

Champs Sports Bowl

Dec. 29 (Orlando, Fla.)
ACC vs. Big East
5:30 p.m. on ESPN

Alamo Bowl

Dec. 29 (San Antonio)
Pac-12 vs. Big 12
9 p.m. on ESPN

Pinstripe Bowl

Dec. 30 (New York City)
Big East vs. Big 12
TBD on ESPN

Armed Forces Bowl

Dec. 30 (Dallas)
C-USA vs. MWC
ESPN

Music City Bowl

Dec. 30 (Nashville, Tenn.)
ACC vs. SEC
6:40 p.m. on ESPN

Insight Bowl

Dec. 30 (Tempe, Ariz.)
Big 12 vs. Big Ten
10 p.m. on ESPN

Meineke Car Care Bowl

Dec. 31 (Houston)
Big 12 vs. Big Ten
Noon on ESPN

Sun Bowl

Dec. 31 (El Paso, Texas)
Pac-12 vs. ACC
2 p.m. on CBS

Liberty Bowl

Dec. 31 (Memphis, Tenn.)
SEC vs. C-USA
3:30 p.m. on ESPN

Chick-fil-a Bowl

Dec. 31 (Atlanta)
SEC vs. ACC
7:30 p.m. on ESPN

Outback Bowl

Jan. 2 (Tampa, Fla.)
Big Ten vs. SEC
1 p.m. on ABC

Gator Bowl

Jan. 2 (Jacksonville, Fla.)
SEC vs. Big Ten
TBD on ESPN2

Capital One Bowl

Jan. 2 (Orlando, Fla.)
SEC vs. Big Ten
1 p.m. on ESPN

BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Jan. 9 (New Orleans)
#1 BCS vs. #2 BCS
TBD on ESPN

ROSE BOWL

Jan. 2 (New Orleans)
BCS vs. BCS
4:30 p.m. on ESPN

SUGAR BOWL

Jan. 2 or 3 (New Orleans)
BCS vs. BCS
TBD on ESPN

ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 3 (Miami)
BCS vs. BCS
8 p.m. on ESPN

FIESTA BOWL

Jan. 4 (Glendale, Ariz.)
BCS vs. BCS
8 p.m. on ESPN

TicketCity Bowl

Jan. 2 (Dallas)
C-USA vs. Big Ten
11 a.m. on ESPN

Cotton Bowl

Jan. 6 (Arlington, Texas)
SEC vs. Big 12
8 p.m. on FOX

BBVA Compass Bowl

Early January
(Birmingham, Ala.)
Big East vs. SEC
TBD on ESPN

Military Bowl

Late December
(Washington, D.C.)
ACC vs. C-USA
TBD on ESPN

GoDaddy.com Bowl

Early January (Mobile, Ala.)
Sun Belt vs. MAC
TBD on ESPN

Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl

Early January (San Francisco)
Pac-12 vs. Army (or MAC, ACC or WAC)
TBD on ESPN

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| SAVANNAH STATE | Savannah, GA | 0.22 Texas State 49-24 | Coach: Chuck Priore | Coach: Ron McBride |
| S.3 Albany State | 14-28 | 0.29 @CENTRAL ARKANSAS 23-30 | Nickname: Seawolves | Nickname: Wildcats |
| S.10 @SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA | | N.5 Sam Houston State 7-5 | 2010 Record: 6-5 | 2010 Record: 6-5 |
| S.17 @APPALACHIAN STATE | | N.12 @STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 14-51 | | |
| S.24 @NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL | 28-21 | N.17 Nicholls State 25-27 | | |
| O.1 Howard | | Coach: Mike Lucas | | |
| O.8 @MORGAN STATE | | Nickname: Lions | | |
| O.15 Florida A&M | 0-31 | 2010 Record: 2-9 | | |
| O.29 Hampton | | | | |
| N.5 Norfolk State | 6-42 | SOUTHERN | | |
| N.12 @BETHUNE-COOKMAN | 7-42 | Baton Rouge, LA | | |
| N.19 South Carolina State | | S.3 @TENNESSEE STATE 14-34 | | |
| Coach: Steve Davenport | | S.10 Alabama A&M 14-34 | | |
| Nickname: Tigers | | S.17 Jackson State 45-49 | | |
| 2010 Record: 1-10 | | S.24 @FLORIDA A&M* 38-20 | | |
| SOUTH ALABAMA | Mobile, AL | S.1 @MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE 38-20 | | |
| S.1 West Alabama | 26-0 | S.8 Prairie View A&M 16-30 | | |
| S.17 @NORTH CAROLINA STATE | | S.15 @ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF 23-41 | | |
| S.24 @KENT STATE | | S.29 Alcorn State 20-27 | | |
| O.8 @TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO | | N.5 @TEXAS SOUTHERN 7-54 | | |
| O.15 Tennessee-Martin | | N.12 @ALABAMA STATE 19-21 | | |
| O.22 @GEORGIA STATE | 39-34 | N.17 @GRAMBLING STATE** 17-38 | | |
| O.29 Henderson State | 37-31 | *At Atlanta, GA, **At New Orleans, LA | | |
| N.3 Mississippi Valley State | | Coach: Lyvonia Mitchell | | |
| N.19 Cal Poly | | Nickname: Jaguars | | |
| Coach: Joey Jones | | 2010 Record: 2-9 | | |
| Nickname: Jaguars | | | | |
| 2010 Record: 10-0 | | SOUTHERN ILLINOIS | | |
| SOUTH CAROLINA STATE | Orangeburg, SC | S.3 @SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE 21-24 | | |
| S.3 @CENTRAL MICHIGAN | | S.10 @OLE MISS 38-20 | | |
| S.10 @BETHUNE-COOKMAN | 0-14 | S.24 Missouri State 41-51 | | |
| S.17 @INDIANA | | O.1 @WESTERN ILLINOIS 20-10 | | |
| S.24 Delaware State | 38-21 | S.8 North Dakota State 6-20 | | |
| O.1 @NORTHLAND STATE | 34-13 | O.15 Youngstown State 28-31 | | |
| O.8 North Carolina Central | | S.22 @NORTHERN IOWA 45-38 (OT) | | |
| O.15 Georgia State | | S.29 Illinois State 38-17 | | |
| O.22 Florida A&M | 19-0 | N.5 @SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 10-31 | | |
| O.29 @HOWARD | 54-14 | N.12 Eastern Illinois | | |
| N.12 North Carolina A&T | 48-3 | N.19 @INDIANA STATE 49-21 | | |
| N.19 @SAVANNAH STATE | | Coach: Dale Lennon | | |
| Coach: Buddy Pough | | Nickname: Salukis | | |
| Nickname: Bulldogs | | 2010 Record: 5-6 | | |
| 2010 Record: 9-3 | | SOUTHERN UTAH | | |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | Vermillion, SD | S.3 @SOUTH DAKOTA STATE | | |
| S.3 @AIR FORCE | | S.10 Sacramento State | | |
| S.10 Eastern Washington | | S.17 Texas-San Antonio | | |
| S.17 Lamar | 20-24 | S.24 @UNLV | | |
| S.24 @WISCONSIN | | O.1 North Dakota 31-21 | | |
| O.1 Lindenwood | | O.8 @SOUTH DAKOTA 31-13 | | |
| O.8 Southern Utah | 13-31 | O.15 @CAL POLY 20-7 | | |
| O.15 @ILLINOIS STATE | | O.22 @WEBERS STATE 20-24 | | |
| O.22 UC Davis | 13-17 | O.29 UC Davis 55-24 | | |
| O.29 @CAL POLY | 24-38 | N.12 @NORTHERN IOWA 55-24 | | |
| N.12 Missouri S&T | | N.19 @NORTHERN ARIZONA 23-26 | | |
| N.19 @NORTH DAKOTA | 27-17 | Coach: Ed Lamb | | |
| Coach: Ed Meierkort | | Nickname: Thunderbirds | | |
| Nickname: Coyotes | | 2010 Record: 6-5 | | |
| 2010 Record: 4-7 | | ST. FRANCIS (PA) | | |
| SOUTH DAKOTA STATE | Brookings, SD | S.3 @WAGNER 14-22 | | |
| S.3 Southern Utah | | S.10 @NORTH DAKOTA STATE 14-22 | | |
| S.10 @ILLINOIS | | S.17 Morehead State 21-31 | | |
| S.17 @CAL POLY | | S.24 Duquesne 17-41 | | |
| S.24 @ILLINOIS STATE | 14-24 | O.1 Albany 0-48 | | |
| O.1 Indiana State | 30-41 | O.8 @ROBERT MORRIS 14-35 | | |
| O.8 @YOUNGSTOWN STATE | 30-20 | O.15 @SACRED HEART 41-0 | | |
| O.15 Northern Iowa | 14-24 | O.22 @YOUNGSTOWN STATE 13-23 | | |
| O.22 North Dakota State | 24-31 | N.5 Monmouth 7-19 | | |
| O.29 @MISSOURI STATE | 31-10 | N.12 @BRYANT 10-48 | | |
| N.5 Southern Illinois | 31-10 | Coach: Chris Villari | | |
| N.12 @WESTERN ILLINOIS | 33-29 | Nickname: Red Flash | | |
| Coach: John Stiegelmeier | | 2010 Record: 1-10 | | |
| Nickname: Jackrabbits | | S. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN | | |
| 2010 Record: 5-6 | | N.1 McMurtry 22-20 | | |
| SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE | Cape Girardeau, MO | S.17 @Baylor 22-20 | | |
| S.3 Southern Illinois | 24-21 | S.24 Texas State 24-27 | | |
| S.17 @PURDUE | | O.1 @CENTRAL ARKANSAS 30-7 | | |
| S.24 @TENNESSEE TECH | 23-21 | O.8 @SAM HOUSTON STATE* 31-28 | | |
| O.1 Eastern Illinois | 28-13 | O.22 @NICHOLLS STATE 48-13 | | |
| O.8 @TENNESSEE STATE | 19-17 | O.29 McNeese State 32-27 | | |
| O.15 @EASTERN KENTUCKY | 40-21 | O.1 Nicholls State 45-47 (OT) | | |
| O.22 Austin Peay State | 41-24 | O.8 @MCNEESE STATE 6-36 | | |
| O.29 @TENNESSEE-MARTIN | 24-17 | O.15 Lamar 27-24 | | |
| N.5 Central Methodist | | O.22 @SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA 24-49 | | |
| N.12 Jacksonville State | 27-29 | N.5 Prairie View A&M 3-16 | | |
| N.19 Murray State | 30-17 | N.12 @GRAMBLING STATE 41-34 | | |
| Coach: Tony Samuel | | N.19 @ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF 20-13 | | |
| Nickname: Redhawks | | *At Houston, TX | | |
| 2010 Record: 9-3 | | STEPHEN F. AUSTIN | | |
| SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA | Hammond, LA | S.10 Northern Iowa 22-20 | | |
| S.3 @TULANE | 21-27 | S.17 Texas State 24-27 | | |
| S.10 Savannah State | | O.1 @CENTRAL ARKANSAS 30-7 | | |
| S.17 @SOUTHERN MISS | | O.8 @SAM HOUSTON STATE* 31-28 | | |
| S.24 @MCNEESE STATE | 10-13 | O.22 @NICHOLLS STATE 48-13 | | |
| O.1 Lamar | 28-29 | O.29 McNeese State 32-27 | | |
| O.15 @NORTHWESTERN STATE | 16-35 | O.1 Nicholls State 45-47 (OT) | | |
| STONY BROOK | Stony Brook NY | O.8 @MCNEESE STATE 6-36 | | |
| S.3 @UTEP | | O.15 Lamar 27-24 | | |
| S.10 @BUFFALO | | O.22 @SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA 24-49 | | |
| S.17 Brown | 30-33 (2011) | N.5 Prairie View A&M 3-16 | | |
| S.24 Lafayette | 21-28 | N.12 @CENTRAL ARKANSAS 17-49 | | |
| O.8 Presbyterian | 37-7 | N.19 Sam Houston State 29-31 | | |
| O.15 Saint Anselm | | TOSON | | |
| O.22 @VIRGINIA MILITARY | 27-9 | S.3 @CENTRAL ARKANSAS 21-28 | | |
| O.29 Coastal Carolina | 38-28 | S.10 Gardner-Webb 7-43 | | |
| N.5 @CHARLES顿 SOUTHERN | 41-21 | Coach: Dennis Franchione | | |
| N.12 @GARDNER-WEBB | 55-3 | Nickname: Bobcats | | |
| N.19 Liberty | 28-54 | 2010 Record: 4-7 | | |
| SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA | Hammonton, NJ | TENNESSEE STATE | | |
| S.3 @TULANE | 21-27 | Nashville, TN | | |
| S.10 Savannah State | | S.3 Southern 26-33 | | |
| S.17 @SOUTHERN MISS | | S.10 @JACKSON STATE* 23-28 | | |
| S.24 @MCNEESE STATE | | S.17 @MURRAY STATE 23-28 | | |
| O.1 Lamar | 28-29 | S.24 @BAIR FORCE 23-26 | | |
| O.15 @NORTHWESTERN STATE | 16-35 | O.1 @AUSTIN PEAY STATE 23-26 | | |
| Coach: Chuck Priore | | O.8 Southeast Missouri State 17-19 | | |
| Nickname: Seawolves | | O.15 @TENNESSEE TECH 10-21 | | |
| 2010 Record: 6-5 | | O.22 @EASTERN KENTUCKY 28-31 (OT) | | |
| MARYLAND | @MARYLAND | N.5 @EASTERN ILLINOIS 28-31 (OT) | | |
| O.8 Richmond | | S.17 @RHODE ISLAND 20-30 | | |
| O.15 @OLD DOMINION | | Coach: Rob Ambrose | | |
| O.22 @WILLIAM & MARY | | Nickname: Tigers | | |
| O.29 Delaware | | 2010 Record: 1-10 | | |
| N.5 @MAINE | 18-28 | UC DAVIS | | |
| N.19 @RHODE ISLAND | 19-38 | Davis, CA | | |
| Coach: Dennis Wagner | | S.1 @ARIZONA STATE 38-24 | | |
| Nickname: Catamounts | | S.17 @MONTANA STATE 38-24 | | |
| 2010 Record: 2-9 | | S.24 @HAWAII 38-24 | | |
| WESTERN CAROLINA | Cullowhee, NC | S.8 @HUMBOLDT STATE 38-21 | | |
| S.1 @GEORGIA TECH | | O.15 Texas-San Antonio 35-16 | | |
| S.10 Mars Hill | | N.5 @CALIFORNIA 35-16 | | |
| S.24 @GEORGIA SOUTHERN | | N.12 @NORTH DAKOTA STATE 35-16 | | |
| O.1 Furman | | Coach: Bob Biggs | | |
| O.8 Elon | | Nickname: Aggies | | |
| O.15 @CHATTANOOGA | | 2010 Record: 6-5 | | |
| O.22 Citadel | | VALPARAISO | | |
| O.29 @SAMFORD | | Valparaiso, IN | | |
| N.5 Wofford | 14-45 | S.3 Franklin 7-42 | | |
| N.12 @APPALACHIAN STATE | 14-37 | S.10 @YOUNGSTOWN STATE 7-42 | | |
| Coach: Dennis Wagner | | S.17 @DUQUESNE 7-42 | | |
| Nickname: Catamounts | | WILLIAM & MARY | | |
| 2010 Record: 2-9 | | Williamsburg, VA | | |
| WESTERN ILLINOIS | Macomb, IL | S.3 @VIRGINIA | | |
| S.1 @SAM HOUSTON STATE | | S.10 Jacksonville | | |
| S.17 @MISSOURI | | S.24 @NORTHERN IOWA 30-14 | | |
| S.24 @NORTHERN IOWA | | O.1 Southern Illinois 10-20 | | |
| O.1 @INDIANA STATE | | O.15 @INDIANA STATE 40-7 | | |
| O.22 Missouri State | | O.15 @YOUNGSTOWN STATE 28-31 | | |
| N.5 @ILLINOIS STATE | | N.5 @ILLINOIS STATE 40-38 | | |
| N.12 South Dakota State | | N.12 @ILLINOIS STATE 65-38 | | |
| N.19 North Dakota State | | N.19 North Dakota State 29-33 | | |
| Coach: Mark Hendrickson | | Coach: Jimmie Laycock | | |
| Nickname: Leathernecks | | Nickname: Tribe | | |
| 2010 Record: 8-5 | | 2010 Record: 8-4 | | |
| WILLIAM & MARY | Williamsburg, VA | VILLANOVA | | |
| S.3 @VIRGINIA | | Villanova, PA | | |
| S.10 @VIRGINIA MILITARY | | S.1 @TEMPLE 24-31 | | |
| S.17 New Haven | | S.10 @TOWSON 24-31 | | |
| S.24 James Madison | | S.17 @MONMOUTH 24-31 | | |
| O.1 @VILLANOVA | | S.24 @PENNNSYLVANIA 22-30 | | |
| O.8 @DELAWARE | | O.1 William & Mary 24-31 | | |
| O.15 New Hampshire | | O.8 @NEW HAMPSHIRE 24-31 | | |
| O.22 Townsend | | O.15 @JAMES MADISON 24-31 | | |
| N.5 @RHODE ISLAND | | O.22 Old Dominion 48-18 | | |
| N.12 Old Dominion | | N.5 @MARIST 7-51 | | |
| N.19 @RICHMOND | | N.12 @DAVIDSON 14-56 | | |
| Coach: Jimmie Laycock | | WILLIAM & MARY | | |
| Nickname: Tribe | | Williamsburg, VA | | |
| 2010 Record: 8-4 | | S.3 @VIRGINIA MILITARY 45-0 | | |
| WOFFORD | Spartanburg, SC | S.17 New Haven, CT | | |
| S.3 @PC | | S.17 Georgetown 40-35 | | |
| S.24 Samford | | S.24 Cornell 21-7 | | |
| O.1 Appalachian State | | O.8 @CITADEL 35-0 | | |
| O.22 Samford | | O.15 Virginia-Wise 35-0 | | |
| O.15 @CITADEL | | O.22 @FURMAN 38-17 | | |
| O.15 Virginia-Wise | | O.29 Elon 28-21 | | |
| O.22 @FURMAN | | O.8 @WESTERN CAROLINA 45-14 | | |
| O.22 Old Dominion | | O.15 Georgia Southern 33-31 | | |
| O.29 @DELAWARE | | O.15 @CHATTANOOGA 45-14 | | |
| N.5 @NEW HAMPSHIRE | | Coach: Mike Ayers | | |
| N.12 Old Dominion | | Nickname: Terriers | | |
| N.19 @RICHMOND | | 2010 Record: 10-3 | | |
| YALE | New Haven, CT | VIRGINIA MILITARY | | |
| S.3 @WILMINGTON | | Lexington, VA | | |
| S.17 Georgetown | | S.3 Delaware State 0-45 | | |
| S.24 Cornell | | S.10 William & Mary 0-45 | | |
| O.1 @ELKHORN | | S.17 @FRICHMOND 0-45 | | |
| O.8 Dartmouth | | S.24 @AKRON 38-17 | | |
| O.15 @LAFAYETTE | | S.8 @COASTAL CAROLINA 31-31 | | |
| O.22 @PENNSYLVANIA | | S.15 Charleston Southern 34-16 | | |
| O.29 @COLUMBIA | | S.22 @CITADEL 9-27 | | |
| N.5 Brown | | N.5 @LIBERTY 7-41 | | |
| N.12 Princeton | | N.12 @PRESBYTERIAN 24-13 | | |
| N.19 Harvard | | N.19 Gardner-Webb 7-40 | | |
| Coach: Tom Williams | | Coach: Andy Talley | | |
| Nickname: Bulldogs | | Nickname: Keydets | | |
| 2010 Record: 7-3 | | 2010 Record: 3-8 | | |
| YOUNGSTOWN STATE | Youngstown, OH | WEBER STATE | | |
| S.3 @MICHIGAN STATE | | Ogden, UT | | |
| S.10 Valparaiso | | S.3 @WYOMING 22-16 (ZOT) | | |
| S.17 Illinois State | | S.10 @GUTHAH STATE 20-21 | | |
| S.24 @INDIANA STATE | | S.17 Central Connecticut State 20-38 | | |
| O.1 Brown | | S.24 @BRYANT 29-21 | | |
| N.5 @PRINCETON | | O.1 @CORNELL 41-7 | | |
| N.12 Harvard | | O.15 Georgetown 22-16 (ZOT) | | |
| Coach: Eric Wolford | | S.22 @DUQUESNE 20-21 | | |
| Nickname: Penguins | | O.29 Albany 14-24 | | |
| 2010 Record: 3-8 | | N.5 @SACRAMENTO STATE 22-16 (ZOT) | | |
| WEEBER STATE | Ogden, UT | S.22 @DUQUESNE 20-21 | | |
| S.3 @WYOMING | | O.15 Idaho State 16-13 | | |
| S.10 @GUTHAH STATE | | O.22 Southern Utah 16-13 | | |
| S.17 Sacramento State | | O.29 @MONTANA 30-21 | | |
| S.24 @NORTHERN COLORADO | | N.5 Montana State 30-21 | | |
| O.1 @EASTERN WASHINGTON | | N.12 Northern Arizona 27-26 | | |
| O.8 @NORTHERN IOWA | | N.19 @PORTLAND STATE 44-41 | | |
| O.15 Idaho State | | | | |
| N.5 @NORTH DAKOTA STATE | | | | |
| N.12 @NORTH DAKOTA STATE | | | | |
| N.19 Missouri State | | | | |
| Coach: Eric Wolford | | | | |
| Nickname: Penguins | | | | |
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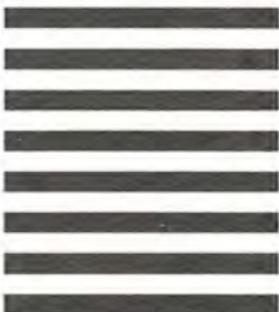
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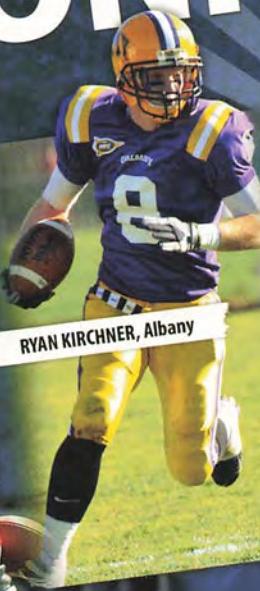
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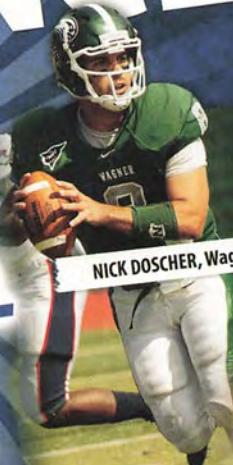
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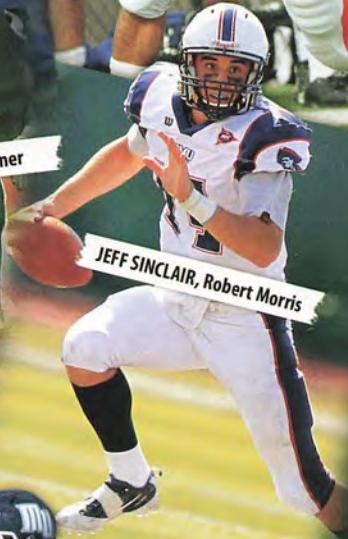
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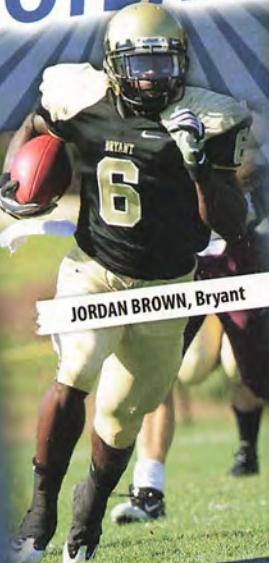


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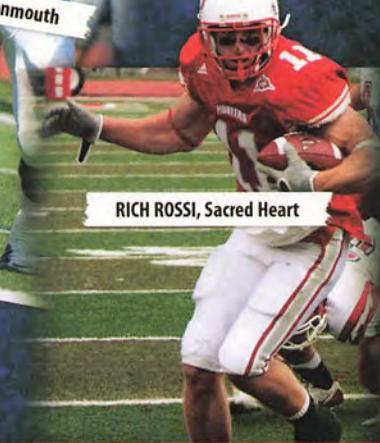


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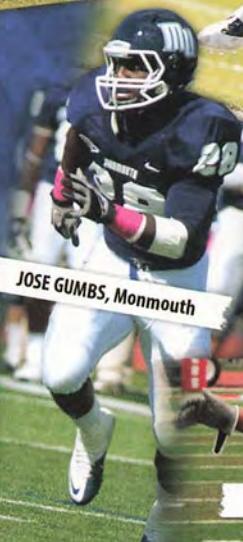
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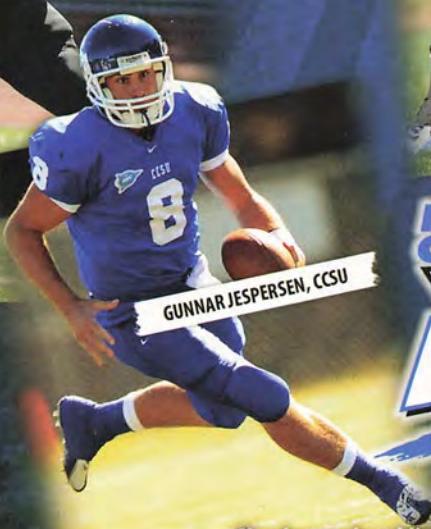
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